**A** **BILL**

TO PROHIBIT A VENDOR, CONTRACTOR, OR OTHER PROVIDER OF GOODS OR SERVICES FROM SUBMITTING A BID IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ISSUED BY THE SPARTANBURG WATER SYSTEM UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AND TO DEFINE RELEVANT TERMS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a vendor, contractor, or other provider of goods or services is barred from submitting a bid in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the Spartanburg Water System if:

(1) the vendor, contractor, or other provider of goods or services was solicited, encouraged, or invited by the Spartanburg Water System to make a charitable contribution or donation to any nonprofit organization, foundation, or cause to which the Spartanburg Water System also has contributed with water system funds composed, either in whole or in part, of monies paid by or collected from Spartanburg Water System customers within the previous eight fiscal years preceding the RFP.

(2) All vendors, contractors, or other providers of goods or services shall submit a list of any charitable contributions or donations described in item (1) made to any nonprofit organization, foundation, or cause to which the Spartanburg Water System also has contributed within the previous eight fiscal years preceding the RFP.

(B) For purposes of this act:

(1) the term “Spartanburg Water System” includes Spartanburg Water, the Commission of Public Works for the City of Spartanburg, or the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District; and

(2) contributions or donations made by an owner or principal of an entity described in subsection (A) must be treated in the same manner as contributions or donations made by the entity.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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