

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

June 6, 2023

Alabama Senate  
Alabama State House  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a message from the Governor returning Senate Bill 309 without the Governor's signature and with a proposed executive amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. PARKER, JR.,  
General Counsel.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I received Senate Bill 309 and believe the bill should be amended. As enrolled and presented to me, this bill would make certain changes to the State's procurement law that I believe should receive full consideration as part of a separate, standalone bill.

For this reason, and at the request of the bill sponsor, I am returning Senate Bill 309 to you, the body in which it originated, without my signature and with the below executive amendment.

**Executive Amendment to Senate Bill 309**

Please amend Senate Bill 309 as follows:

On page 4, line 89, to conform Senate Bill 309 to the version introduced by the bill sponsor and thereby apply the bill's qualifications-based selection requirement to architects and landscape architects as originally proposed, insert the phrase "architects, landscape architects," before the phrase "engineers, land surveyors, and geoscientists".

On pages 4 and 5, at lines 108 through 114, delete subdivision (j)(2), which would allow procuring entities seeking architectural services to give decisive weight to such factors as an architect's "character," "reputation," and "personality."

On page 5, at lines 115 through 118, delete subdivision (j)(3), which would limit the assembly of construction bid documents to licensed design professionals such as architects and engineers.

On pages 5 and 6, at lines 135-141, delete subdivision (j)(6), which would exempt certain entities from the state procurement law as it relates to the purchase and procurement of professional services.

Adoption of the above-proposed executive amendment will remove my objection to this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Ivey  
Governor