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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOON.

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AN ACT

To amend chapters 30 and 34, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to public contracts, with a severability clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

	Section A. Chapters 30 and 34, RSMo, are amended by adding
2	thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 30.620 and
3	34.715, to read as follows:
	30.620. 1. For the purposes of this section, the
2	following terms mean:
3	(1) "Banking contract", a contract entered into by the
4	state treasurer and a financial institution to provide
5	banking goods or services;
6	(2) "Boycott", performing any of the following acts
7	without a reasonable business purpose:
8	(a) Refusing to deal with a company;
9	(b) Terminating business activities with a company; or
10	(c) Any other action that is intended to penalize,
11	inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with
12	a company because the company:
13	a. Engages in the exploration, production,
14	utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of
15	fossil fuel-based energy, timber, mining, or agriculture;
16	b. Engages in the exploration, production,
17	utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of
18	fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to

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19 meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and 20 state law; or

c. Does business with a company that engages in the
exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale,
or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy;

24 "Company", any sole proprietorship, organization, (3) association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, 25 26 limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited 27 liability company, or other entity or business association, 28 including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned 29 subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of those entities or business associations, that exist for the 30 31 purpose of making profit;

(4) "Financial institution", a bank, national banking
association, non-bank financial institution, a bank and
trust company, a trust company, a savings and loan
association, a building and loan association, a mutual
savings bank, a credit union, or a savings bank;

37 (5) "Reasonable business purpose", includes any
 38 purpose directly related to:

39 (a) Promoting the financial success or stability of a
 40 financial institution;

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(b) Mitigating risk to a financial institution;

42 (c) Complying with legal or regulatory requirements; or
43 (d) Limiting liability of a financial institution;

(6) "Restricted financial institution", a financial
 institution included in the most recently updated restricted
 financial institution list;

(7) "Restricted financial institution list", the list
of financial institutions prepared, maintained, and
published pursuant to this section.

50 2. (1) The state treasurer shall create and maintain 51 a restricted financial institution list containing the names 52 of financial institutions that are engaged in a boycott. 53 The list shall be used by the state treasurer for the 54 purpose of determining which financial institutions to enter 55 into a banking contract with.

(2) The state treasurer shall publicly post the
restricted financial institution list on the state
treasurer's website and submit a copy of the list to the
governor, the president pro tempore of the senate, and the
speaker of the house of representatives.

61 (3) A citation to this section and a brief summary of 62 the purpose of the list shall appear at the top of the list, 63 including a statement that inclusion on the list is not an 64 indication of unsafe or unsound operating conditions of any 65 financial institution nor any risk to consumer deposits.

66 (4) The state treasurer shall update the restricted
67 financial institution list annually, or more often if the
68 state treasurer considers it necessary.

69 3. (1) At least forty-five days prior to including a 70 financial institution on the restricted financial 71 institution list, the state treasurer shall send a written 72 notice to the institution containing the following 73 information:

(a) That the state treasurer has determined that the
 financial institution is a restricted financial institution;

(b) That the financial institution shall be placed on
the restricted financial institution list in forty-five days
unless, within thirty days following the receipt of the
written notice, the financial institution demonstrates that
it is not engaged in a boycott;

81 (c) That the restricted financial institution list is
82 published on the state treasurer's website; and

(d) That the financial institution's placement on the
list may render the financial institution ineligible to
enter into, or remain in, banking contracts with the state.

86 (2) Following a financial institution's inclusion on
87 the restricted financial institution list, the state
88 treasurer shall remove the financial institution from the
89 list if the financial institution demonstrates that it has
90 ceased all boycotts.

91 4. (1) In determining whether to include a financial
92 institution on the restricted financial institution list,
93 the state treasurer shall consider and may rely upon the
94 following information:

95 (a) A financial institution's certification that it is
96 not engaged in a boycott;

97 (b) Publicly available statements or information made 98 by the financial institution, including statements by a 99 member of a financial institution's governing body, an 100 executive director of a financial institution, or any other 101 officer or employee of the financial institution with the 102 authority to issue policy statements on behalf of the 103 financial institution; or

(c) Information published by a state or federal
 government entity.

(2) In determining whether to include a financial
institution on the restricted financial institution list,
the state treasurer may not rely solely on the following
information:

(a) Statements or complaints by a company; or
(b) Media reports of a financial institution's boycott.

(3) A financial institution may not be compelled to
produce or disclose any data or information deemed
confidential, privileged, or otherwise protected from
disclosure by state or federal law.

116 5. (1) In selecting a financial institution to enter
117 into a banking contract, the state treasurer may disqualify
118 restricted financial institutions from the competitive
119 bidding process or from any other official selection process.

(2) The state treasurer may refuse to enter into a
banking contract or an extension of any banking contract
with a restricted financial institution based on its
restricted financial institution status.

(3) The state treasurer may require, as a term of any
 banking contract, an agreement by the financial institution
 not to engage in a boycott for the duration of the contract.

6. With respect to actions taken in compliance with this section, a public body, public official, public employee, or member or employee of a financial institution shall be immune from any liability.

No party may take action to penalize or threaten to 131 7. 132 penalize any financial institution for compliance with this Any party taking such action shall have caused 133 section. 134 harm to this state, including by interfering with the 135 state's sovereign interests in administering its programs 136 and with the state's commercial relationships with financial 137 institutions.

8. Any contract subject to this section may be
enforced by the attorney general. The attorney general may
investigate possible violations of this section in the same
manner as investigative authority is exercised pursuant to
section 407.040.

9. In addition to any other remedies available at law or equity, a company that provides false information to the state treasurer and later receives state monies, or violates a contractual agreement with the state not to engage in a boycott, shall be obligated to pay a civil penalty to the state in an amount equal to three times all monies paid to the company by the state for the company's goods or services.

34.715. 1. The state, any agency of the state, any political subdivision of the state, or any instrumentality thereof, when engaged in procuring or letting contracts for any purpose shall ensure that bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors are not given preferential treatment or discriminated against based on an environmental, social, and governance score.

8 2. For purposes of this section, the term 9 "environmental, social, and governance score" means an 10 evaluation conducted by an entity that takes into 11 consideration one or more of the following:

(1) Whether the bidder, offeror, contractor, or
subcontractor engages in the exploration, production,
utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of
fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to
meet environmental standards beyond applicable state and
federal law;

18 (2) Whether the bidder, offeror, contractor, or
 19 subcontractor engages in production agriculture;

20 (3) Whether the bidder, offeror, contractor, or
 21 subcontractor spends funds on social welfare;

(4) The wages and working hours of the employees of
the bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor; and
(5) The environmental policies of the bidder, offeror,
contractor, or subcontractor.

Section B. If any provision of section A of this act or the application thereof to anyone or to any circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of those sections and the application of such provisions to others or other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.