

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

## 2023 and 2024

#### SB3633

Introduced 2/9/2024, by Sen. Robert F. Martwick

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 545/2

from Ch. 127, par. 132.52

Amends the Public Contract Fraud Act. Provides that the Attorney General need not approve the title for lands needed for public works or improvements if the consideration paid does not exceed \$25,000 (currently, \$10,000). Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning State government.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Public Contract Fraud Act is amended by 5 changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 545/2) (from Ch. 127, par. 132.52)

Sec. 2. Spending money without obtaining title to land;
approval of title by Attorney General.

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of the Superconducting Super Collider Act or for projects constructed 10 under the Bikeway Act, any person or persons, commissioner or 11 commissioners, or other officer or officers, entrusted with 12 13 the construction or repair of any public work or improvement, 14 as set forth in Section 1, who shall expend or cause to be expended upon such public work or improvement, the whole or 15 16 any part of the moneys appropriated therefor, or who shall 17 commence work, or in any way authorize work to be commenced, thereon, without first having obtained a title, by purchase, 18 19 donation, condemnation or otherwise, to all lands needed for such public work or improvement, running to the People of the 20 21 State of Illinois; such title to be approved by the Attorney 22 General, and his approval certified by the Secretary of State and placed on record in his office, shall be deemed guilty of a 23

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1 Class A misdemeanor.

2 (b) Approval of title by the Attorney General for all 3 lands needed for a public work or improvement shall not be required as established under subsection (a) of this Section 4 5 and the State Comptroller may draw warrant in payment of consideration for all such lands without requiring approval of 6 title by the Attorney General if consideration to be paid does 7 not exceed  $$25,000 \\ \frac{$10,000}{$10,000}$  and the title acquired for such 8 9 lands is for:

10 (1) a fee simple title or easement acquired by the11 State for highway right-of-way; or

(2) an acquisition of rights or easements of access,
crossing, light, air or view to, from or over a freeway
vested in abutting property; or

(3) a fee simple title or easement used to place utility lines and connect a permanent public work or improvement owned by the State to main utility lines; or

18 (4) for the purpose of flood relief or other water19 resource projects.

(c) This Section does not apply to any otherwise lawful expenditures for the construction, completion, remodeling, maintenance and equipment of buildings and other facilities made in connection with and upon premises owned by the Illinois Building Authority, nor shall this Section apply to improvements to real estate leased by any State agency as defined in the Illinois State Auditing Act, provided the

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leasehold improvements were contracted for by an agency with leasing authority and in compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated by such agency for that purpose.

4 (Source: P.A. 88-676, eff. 12-14-94; 89-78, eff. 6-30-95.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon6 becoming law.