

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 952/SF 297 (HSB 71)	House Committee:	<b>PASSED</b> March 5 (15-6)
Committee:	State Government	House Floor:	
Floor Manager:	Representative Wulf	Senate Floor:	
Date:	May 8, 2025	Governor:	
Staff:	Jason Covey (1-3626)		

### DAS State Contracts

- Prohibits provisions of state purchasing contracts that are contrary to public policy.
- Limits the venue for litigation of contracts to the relevant state or federal court in Iowa.
- Applies to new or renewed contracts after the effective date of the bill.
- Updates rules concerning events on the grounds surrounding the Capitol. Allows a person to hold an event if the Director receives a recommendation for the event by a statewide elected official or a current member of both the House and the Senate. A person may have up to six events on the complex.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 – State purchasing contracts – prohibited terms (Iowa Code 8A.311C)

NEW SECTION - Provisions of a contract that are prohibited by this section are void contrary to public policy. The contract is enforced as if those provisions were not included. Prohibits litigation venue to be outside the state of Iowa.

#### Section 2 – State purchasing contracts – required terms (Iowa Code 8A.311D)

NEW SECTION - Contracts shall be governed by the laws of the State of Iowa and the venue for any litigation in connection with the contract will be brought in either the District Court of Polk County or the US District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

#### Section 3 – (Iowa Code 8A.322(3)(c))

Updates rules concerning events on the grounds surrounding the Capitol. Allows a person to hold an event if the Director receives a recommendation for the event by a statewide elected official or a current member of both the House and the Senate. A person may have up to six events on the complex.

#### Section 4 – APPLICABILITY

Contract terms and conditions shall apply to contracts entered into or renewed after the effective date of this bill.

### Amendment Analysis

#### H-XXXX by Nordman

Strike after amendment to conform to the Senate File. Removes capitol complex language.

**H-1203 by Wulf**

Allows the Director the ability to waive the provisions on contracts if the necessary good or service is impossible to procure due to the provisions of this bill.

**H-1206 by Scheetz**

Strikes the requirement for an event to have the recommendation of a statewide elected official or a member of each chamber.

**H-1194 by Wulf**

Changes the title. Adds to the bill that a request for an outdoor event on the capitol complex must be submitted either online or in person as prescribed by DAS. DAS is not allowed to charge a fee to hold an event but is allowed to recoup actual costs associated with the event. The intent of the General Assembly is not to infringe on the rights guaranteed by the Iowa Constitution.

Defines event as an officially planned function/meeting/celebration that is formally planned with DAS.

Effective immediately.

**H-XXX to SF 297 by Norman**

Adds back in the language on the capitol complex.