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KIM REYNOLDS  
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May 1, 2013

The Honorable Matt Schultz  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 211, an Act requiring in-state construction contracts and disputes thereof to be governed by Iowa law and including effective date provisions.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad  
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



House File 211

AN ACT  
REQUIRING IN-STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND DISPUTES THEREOF  
TO BE GOVERNED BY IOWA LAW AND INCLUDING EFFECTIVE DATE  
PROVISIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 537A.6 In-state construction contracts — Iowa law to govern.

1. As used in this section, "*in-state construction contract*" means a public, private, foreign, or domestic agreement relating to construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of any real property in this state and includes agreements for architectural services, demolition, design services, development, engineering services, excavation, or any other improvement to real property in this state, including buildings, shafts, wells, and structures, whether on, above, or under real property in this state. "*In-state construction contract*" does not include any agreement between this state and any other state.

2. A provision of an in-state construction contract is void and unenforceable as contrary to public policy if the provision does any of the following:

*a.* Makes the in-state construction contract subject to the laws of another state.

*b.* Requires any litigation, mediation, arbitration, or other dispute resolution proceeding arising from the in-state construction contract to be conducted in another state.

3. The laws of this state shall apply to every in-state construction contract.

4. Any litigation, mediation, arbitration, or other dispute resolution proceeding arising from or relating to an in-state

construction contract shall be conducted in this state.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.



KRAIG PAULSEN  
Speaker of the House



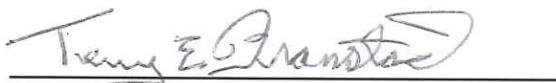
PAM JOCHUM  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 211, Eighty-fifth General Assembly.



CARMINE BOAL  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 1, 2013



TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
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