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# Missouri House Passes HB 1818, Streamlining Office of Administration Contract Negotiations

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri House of Representatives is looking to improve governmental efficiency with the successful passing of HB 1818. Sponsored by Representative John Voss, this legislation aims to streamline the contract negotiation process, ultimately benefiting both the State government and vendors.

HB 1818 allows for post-award negotiations with the lowest and best responsive vendor identified in the solicitation process. This legislation empowers the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to oversee negotiations, with the flexibility to waive them when necessary. Additionally, this bill proposes allowing the Office of Administration to negotiate contracts after they have been awarded, aiming to reduce unnecessary costs for the State government and expedite the implementation of awarded contracts, particularly for large IT projects where multiple vendors submit proposals. The bill would enable the Office to move forward with contracts without negotiating with every potential vendor, saving time and effort for both the government and vendors.

"HB 1818 marks a significant stride toward modernizing government operations in Missouri," Voss, R-Cape Girardeau, said. "By enabling post-award negotiations, we're paving the way for a more responsive and cost-effective contracting process. This legislation is a win-win for the State and our valued vendors."

The bill, which garnered bipartisan support in the form of a 137-0 vote, now advances to the Senate, where further deliberation awaits.

*Rep. John Voss, a Republican, represents Cape Girardeau County, District 147, in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Voss was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022. For more information, please contact Rep. Voss' office at 573-751-1443 or via email at [John.Voss@House.Mo.Gov](mailto:John.Voss@House.Mo.Gov).*

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