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Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to regulating the use of cooperative purchasing agreements for public works projects by political subdivisions of the state

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Legislative findings and purpose. The Legislature finds and declares that subdivision 16 of section 103 of the general municipal law was enacted to enhance procurement efficiency by permitting New York political subdivisions to use cooperative purchasing agreements, including piggybacking competitively awarded contracts from other jurisdictions. However, the increasing use of national cooperative contracts and those from other states with divergent procurement standards has led to diminished oversight, lower worker protections, and a departure from New York's public bidding laws.

This act affirms that cooperative purchasing for public works must be subject to New York's public procurement laws and safeguards. It seeks to clarify allowable uses of cooperative purchasing, improve transparency and accountability, and strengthen prevailing wage enforcement mechanisms to protect workers and ensure fair competition.

§ 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 109-e to read as follows:

§ 109-e. Cooperative purchasing agreements for public works. 1. Political subdivisions may utilize cooperative purchasing agreements for goods and services, including services related to public works construction, provided any associated contracts were competitively bid by political subdivisions either within or outside the state.

2. Cooperative purchasing agreements for public works construction shall only be permitted when associated contracts are competitively bid, advertised, and awarded by a New York political subdivision in full

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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compliance with public procurement laws, including but not limited to the provisions of this article.

3. All cooperative contracts for public works shall be locally advertised to ensure fair and open competition. Notices shall include detailed procedures for issuing and adding purchase orders.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.