

HB 2121 -- DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FEE OFFICES

SPONSOR: Dinkins

Currently, the Department of Revenue is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the awarding and renewal of fee office contracts. This bill requires the rules to give preference to certain factors in the following order of importance:

- (1) Persons or entities currently operating one or more fee offices in compliance with current law;
- (2) Persons and entities that are based in the county in which the fee office is located;
- (3) Certain tax-exempt organizations; and
- (4) Persons and entities that reinvest at least 75% of net proceeds to charitable organizations in the state.

If the department utilizes a scoring mechanism to evaluate bids, the scoring mechanism must ensure that a person or entity currently operating one or more fee offices receives a bonus of 10% of the available points.

No contract shall be awarded to a person or entity that is not a resident of the state, as defined in the bill.

This bill also requires the department to submit an annual report to the General Assembly that provides information on each fee office contract awarded, including the performance of each entity on any scoring mechanism used by the department to evaluate bids.

This bill is similar to SCS SB 777 (2020).