

1 AN ACT relating to public construction projects.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 82 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) For purposes of this section:*

6 *(a) "City" means:*

7 *1. A city of the first class as described in KRS 81.005(1)(a);*

8 *2. A home rule class city as described in KRS 81.005(1)(b); and*

9 *3. A merged government that adopts the responsibilities and duties of the*
10 *city or cities it incorporates, including:*

11 *a. Charter county government as described in KRS 67.825;*

12 *b. Unified local government as described in KRS 67.900;*

13 *c. Urban-county government as described in KRS 67A.010; and*

14 *d. Consolidated local government as described in KRS 67C.101;*

15 *(b) "Project labor agreement" means a collective bargaining agreement that*
16 *applies to a specific public construction project, lasts only for the duration*
17 *of the project, and guarantees the project will use union labor; and*

18 *(c) "Public construction project" means any project performed within the city's*
19 *boundaries that is solicited and funded by a local public agency or the*
20 *Commonwealth of Kentucky for the purpose of making public*
21 *improvements or building new or performing maintenance on existing*
22 *publicly owned buildings, and has an aggregate cost of over fifty-thousand*
23 *dollars (\$50,000).*

24 *(2) The applicable legislative body of a city may enact an ordinance establishing a*
25 *mandatory preference for awarding a bid for a public construction project*
26 *contract to a union or a group of unions, which shall be incorporated into a*
27 *project labor agreement.*

1 (3) Notwithstanding KRS Chapter 337, the applicable legislative body of a city may
2 negotiate all terms of a project labor agreement, including any provision related
3 to the payment of wages that are greater than the existing state or federal
4 minimum wage.

5 ➔Section 2. The following KRS section is repealed:

6 65.016 Prohibition against requiring any employer to pay employee a certain wage or
7 fringe benefit.