- 1 HB642
- 2 140094-2
- 3 By Representative Baughn
- 4 RFD: Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure
- 5 First Read: 05-APR-12

1	<u>ENGROSSED</u>
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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To amend Section 23-1-60 of the Code of Alabama
9	1975, relating to the Department of Transportation, to further
10	authorize the Director of Transportation to alter plans or
11	character of work, determine need for extra work, and make
12	supplemental agreements relating to highway projects.
13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
14	Section 1. Section 23-1-60 of the Code of Alabama
15	1975, is amended to read as follows:
16	" §23-1-60.
17	"(a) The following implementation of the provisions
18	of the State Department of Transportation standard
19	specifications for highways and bridges is hereby adopted as a
20	statutory provision, any and all other laws in conflict
21	notwithstanding:
22	"(1) ALTERATION OF PLANS OR CHARACTER OF WORK. The
23	Director of Transportation shall have the authority to make,
24	at any time during the progress of any construction on any
25	highway project under his jurisdiction, such changes or
26	alterations of construction details, including alterations in
27	grade or alignment of roadway or bridges, or both, as may be

necessary or desirable for the successful completion of the project. The aforementioned changes or alterations may or may not increase or decrease the original planned quantities; however, under no circumstances shall changes or alterations involve any work beyond the termini of the original construction project, except as may be necessary to satisfactorily complete the project in the most feasible and economical manner, in the judgment of the Director of Transportation.

- "(2) EXTRA WORK. The Director of Transportation shall have the authority to determine the need for new or additional work not contemplated or included in the original construction contract. This new or additional work shall not extend beyond the termini of the original construction project, except as may be necessary to satisfactorily complete the project in the most feasible and economical manner, in the judgment of the Director of Transportation.
- "(3) SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT OR FORCE ACCOUNT ORDER. The Director of Transportation shall have the authority to enter into a supplemental contract with the prime contractor, setting forth the estimated quantities of extra work and specifying the unit prices or lump sum agreed upon by the parties involved; provided, that such supplemental contract shall not be subject to any competitive bid laws of this state. If a satisfactory unit price or lump sum cannot be agreed upon, the Director of Transportation shall have the authority to direct that extra work be performed on a force

_	account basis, as defined by the state bepartment of
2	Transportation standard specifications for highways and
3	bridges.
4	"(b)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law
5	to the contrary, any additional, new or extra work, or work
6	changes, alterations, or requirements, arising out of or
7	relating to the original contract, may be authorized by the
8	Director of Transportation without the approval of the
9	Governor, provided that the increased amount does not exceed
10	fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or 10 percent of the initial
11	contract amount, whichever is greater, but in no event shall
12	the one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and that the
13	increased amounts in the aggregate be greater than one million
14	dollars (\$1,000,000). do not exceed two hundred thousand
15	dollars (\$200,000) per contract. Any decrease or underrun of
16	the contract may be authorized by the Director of
17	Transportation without the approval of the Governor.
18	"(2) The Department of Transportation shall develop
19	procedures to implement this subsection."
20	Section 2. This act shall become effective
21	immediately following its passage and approval by the
22	Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7	Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure 05-APR-12
9	Read for the second time and placed
10 11	on the calendar 1 amendment 19-APR-12
12 13	Read for the third time and passed as amended
14	Yeas 98, Nays 0, Abstains 0
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