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GOVERNOR

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Secretary Ken Detzner
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
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Dear Secretary Detzner:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to House Bill 917 enacted during the 114th Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2012 and entitled:

An act relating to Jurisdiction of Courts...

This bill provides technical clarification and corrects erroneous cross-references found in the Florida International Commercial Arbitration Act and the Florida Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act. While these technical changes are fine, the bill also expands the court's jurisdiction to allow individuals and businesses with no ties to Florida to utilize the Florida judicial system to settle certain contract disputes. Establishing Florida as a destination for lawsuits by entities outside of the state of Florida is unattractive for the business climate. Inviting additional civil litigation into Florida may add to the backlog of cases and increase the workload on our judicial system.

For the reason stated above, I withhold my approval of House Bill 917, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor