

## New Florida Public Corruption Bill Signed by Gov. Rick Scott

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Governor Rick Scott signed HB 7071 into law on March 25, 2016. This law, aimed at strengthening Florida's anti-public corruption laws, brings private contractors under the "public servant" definition under state law and lowers the burden of proof for state prosecutors. This makes it easier to prosecute public officials and contractors for bid rigging, bribery and other official misconduct.

[Joseph Goldstein](#), managing partner of the [Ft. Lauderdale](#) office of Shutts & Bowen, said the additional tools given to state prosecutors through this bill will provide a layer of protection in the bidding process that currently doesn't exist at the local level.

You can read the full article at [www.Law360.com](http://www.Law360.com).

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