

CHAPTER 664

AN ACT to amend 66.29 (2) of the statutes, as amended by chapters 406 and 474, laws of 1955; and to create 66.29 (9) of the statutes, relating to public works contracts and bids.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 66.29 (2) of the statutes, as amended by chapters 406 and 474, laws of 1955, is amended to read:

66.29 (2) Every municipality, board or public body upon all contracts subject to this section in excess of \$10,000 shall, before delivering any form for bid proposals pertaining thereto to any person, require such person to submit a full and complete statement sworn to before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, of financial ability, equipment, experience in the work prescribed in said public contract, and of such other matters as the municipality, board, public body or officer thereof may require for the protection and welfare of the public in the performance of any public contract; and such statement shall be in writing on a standard form of a questionnaire as adopted for such use by the municipality, board or public body or officer thereof, to be furnished by such municipality, board, public body or officer thereof, and shall be filed in the manner and place designated by the municipality, board, public body or such officer thereof, not less than 5 days prior to the time set for opening of bids. The contents of said statements shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except upon written order of such person furnishing the same, or in cases of actions against, or by such person or municipality. *Except in cities and villages* every public officer charged with the duty of receiving bids for and awarding of any such contract *and in cities and villages the board of public works or whoever performs the duties of the board of public works* shall properly evaluate the sworn statements filed relative to financial ability, equipment and experience in the work prescribed in determining the delivery of any form for a bid proposal. This subsection shall not apply to cities of the first class.

SECTION 2. 66.29 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

66.29 (9) Notwithstanding the amendments made by chapters 406 and 474, laws of 1955, to this section, any public contract made between July 22, 1955, and the effective date of this subsection and not in compliance with such amendments, are hereby declared valid and subsisting public contracts if in compliance with s. 66.29 of the 1953 statutes. This subsection is not to be construed as constituting a legislative interpretation of the statutes as to future contracts.

Approved November 18, 1955.