



2007 SENATE BILL 445

February 4, 2008 - Introduced by Senators LASSA, S. FITZGERALD, OLSEN and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives MOLEPSKE, ALBERS, TOWNSEND, A. OTT, MURSAU and HAHN. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Higher Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 88.62 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** increasing the public
2 contract minimum bid requirements for drainage districts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a drainage board may enter into contracts to have work done in the drainage district. The drainage board is required to advertise for bids by publishing a class 2 notice if the work to be done will cost in excess of \$10,000. Generally under current law, the drainage board is required to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Under this bill, the minimum contract amount at which a drainage board is required to advertise a bid by publishing a class 2 notice is increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 88.62 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 88.62 (1) The drainage board may authorize the drainage district to do its own
5 work or the board may enter into contracts to have the work done. The board may

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1 advertise for bids and shall do so in all cases where the work to be done will cost in
2 excess of \$10,000 \$20,000. When the board is required to advertise for bids, the board
3 shall publish a class 2 notice, under ch. 985, and other notices that the board
4 considers appropriate, and the work shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder
5 unless in the board's opinion the bid is unreasonably high and a lower bid can be
6 obtained. The board may continue the letting of the work from time to time, and may
7 reject any or all bids.

8 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) This act first applies to public contracts that are let on the effective date of
10 this subsection.

11 (END)