

1975 Senate Bill 155

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CHAPTER 244, Laws of 1975

AN ACT to amend 38.18, 59.08 (1), 61.55, 62.15 (1) and 120.55 (2) (intro.) of the statutes, relating to public construction work contracts which are required to be open to public bids by counties, villages, vocational, technical and adult education districts, cities and city school districts.

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

SECTION 1. 38.18 of the statutes is amended to read:

38.18 Contracts and bidding. All contracts made by a district board for public construction in a district, the estimated cost of which exceeds ~~\$1,000~~ \$5,000, shall be let by the district board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with s. 62.15 (1) to (11) and (14). For purposes of this section, the district board shall possess the powers conferred by s. 62.15 on the board of public works and the common council. All contracts made under this section shall be made in the name of the district and shall be executed by the district board chairman and district board secretary.

SECTION 2. 59.08 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.08 (1) All public work, including any contract for the construction, repair, remodeling or improvement of any public work, building, or furnishing of supplies or material of any kind where the estimated cost of such work will exceed ~~\$1,000~~ \$5,000 shall be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder. The contract shall be let and entered into pursuant to s. 66.29, except that the board may by a three-fourths vote of all the members entitled to a seat provide that any class of public work or any part thereof may be done directly by the county without submitting the same for bids. This section ~~shall~~ does not apply to highway contracts which the county highway committee is authorized by law to let or make.

SECTION 3. 61.55 of the statutes is amended to read:

61.55 (title) Contracts involving over \$5,000; how let; exception. All contracts for public construction, in any such village, exceeding ~~\$1,000~~ \$5,000, shall be let by the village board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with s. 66.29 insofar as said section may be applicable. This provision and s. 144.04 are not mandatory for the repair and reconstruction of public facilities when damage or threatened damage thereto creates an emergency, as determined by resolution of the village board, in which the public health or welfare of the village is endangered. Whenever the village

board by majority vote at a regular or special meeting declares that an emergency no longer exists, this exemption no longer applies.

SECTION 4. 62.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

62.15 (1) CONTRACTS; HOW LET. All public construction, the estimated cost of which ~~shall exceed \$1,000~~ exceeds \$5,000, shall be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder; all other public construction shall be let as the council may direct. The council may also by a vote of three-fourths of all the members-elect provide by ordinance that any class of public construction or any part thereof may be done directly by the city without submitting the same for bids.

SECTION 5. 120.55 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

120.55 (2) (intro.) In a city school district the alteration or repair of school buildings or other construction work, the estimated cost of which exceeds ~~\$1,000~~ \$5,000, may be done under either par. (a) or (b).
