

1985 Senate Bill 109

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AN ACT to amend 61.55 and 62.15 (1) of the statutes, relating to increasing the limits on city and village public works contracts awarded without bidding.

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

SECTION 1. 61.55 of the statutes is amended to read:

61.55 (title) Contracts involving over \$10,000; how let; exception. All contracts for public construction, in any such village, exceeding ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000, 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. If the estimated cost of any public construction exceeds \$5,000, but is not greater than \$10,000, the village board shall give a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, of the proposed construction before the contract for the construction is executed. 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 2. 62.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

62.15 (1) CONTRACTS; HOW LET. All public construction, the estimated cost of which exceeds ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000, shall be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder; all other public construction shall be let as the council may direct. If the estimated cost of any public construction exceeds \$5,000 but is not greater than \$10,000, the board of public works shall give a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, of the proposed construction before the contract for the construction is executed. 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.