AN ACT to amend 88.62 (1) of the statutes; relating to: increasing the public 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:

SECTION 1. 88.62 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

88.62 (1) The drainage board may authorize the drainage district to do its own work or the board may enter into contracts to have the work done. The board may
advertise for bids and shall do so in all cases where the work to be done will cost in
excess of $10,000 $20,000. When the board is required to advertise for bids, the board
shall publish a class 2 notice, under ch. 985, and other notices that the board
considers appropriate, and the work shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder
unless in the board's opinion the bid is unreasonably high and a lower bid can be
obtained. The board may continue the letting of the work from time to time, and may
reject any or all bids.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

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