

1987 Assembly Bill 351

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1987 Wisconsin Act 275

AN ACT to amend 88.54 (4) and 88.62 (1) of the statutes, relating to drainage district borrowing and advertising for bids.

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

SECTION 1. 88.54 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

88.54 (4) If at any time the board finds that a district does not have or will not have sufficient funds on hand to pay any lawful indebtedness of the district when the same becomes due, or if any extraordinary emergency requires borrowing, the board shall apply to the court for authority to borrow money to pay the same or meet such emergency. The court shall authorize such borrowing upon proof of the facts showing the necessity therefor. If the amount to be borrowed does not exceed ~~\$3,000~~ \$8,000 and the loan does not run beyond one year, the court may authorize the borrowing without holding a hearing on the question. In other cases, s. 88.06 shall apply. When necessary, additional assessments to pay such loans shall be made under s. 88.23.

SECTION 2. 88.62 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

88.62 Conditions relative to doing of work. (1) The court may authorize the drainage district to do its own work or may require the board to enter into contracts to have the work done. The court may in any case require the board to advertise for bids and shall so require in all cases where the work to be done will, in the court's opinion, cost in excess of ~~\$2,000~~ \$5,000. When the board is required to advertise for bids, the board shall publish a class 2 notice, under ch. 985, and such other notice as the court directs, 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 and all bids.