

S. F. No. 96.

CHAPTER 50.

Bids for contracts in excess of \$100 in cities of 200,000.

An act relating to advertising for bids and the letting of contracts, in excess of one hundred (100) dollars, by county commissioners, in all counties having two hundred thousand (200,000) inhabitants, or over.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. In all counties of this state now having, or which shall hereafter have a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) inhabitants, or over, the county commissioners of any such county shall not make, suffer, or cause to be made any purchase or contract for goods, wares, merchandise or materials, for or on behalf of their county, the estimated value or expense of which shall exceed one hundred (100) dollars, without first causing at least seven (7) days notice to be given in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, publishing the official proceedings of the county commissioners, that proposals will be received for the purchase or furnishing of any such goods, wares, merchandise, or materials for said county and the said county commissioners shall make, or cause to be made such purchase or contract with the lowest responsible bidder, or in case bids so received are not satisfactory they shall readvertise for new bids.

County commissioners must approve.

SEC. 2. All contracts for such supplies, materials, goods, wares or merchandise shall be approved by resolution of the board of county commissioners and signed by the chairman of such board. Any action of such board of county commissioners, or of any committee thereof, or of any person or persons in violation of this act shall be null and void, as against the county.

Roads and bridges.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners in all such counties, when they have decided what work shall be done on the roads and bridges of the county, to invite bids for all such work, by posting notices for at least fifteen (15) days prior to the letting of the contract for the same, in at least three (3) of the most public places in the township wherein such work is to be done and also by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, publishing the official proceedings of the board of county commissioners, at least ten (10) days previous to the date when such con-

tracts are to be awarded, and in case any portion of such work is within the limits of any incorporated village, by also posting notices in three (3) of the most public places in such village, and such notices shall contain a brief description of such work and shall state the time and place of awarding the contract for the same and at the time and place mentioned in such notice, it shall be the duty of such board to let such contract to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall in all cases be required to enter into a written contract evidencing the same, and said board shall require a satisfactory bond for the faithful performance of such contract. In case bids so received are not satisfactory to said board of county commissioners they shall readvertise for new bids.

SEC. 4. In case of an actual and unforeseen emergency arising from the breakage in machinery located about the Court House of any such county, that cannot be allowed to wait for the time required to advertise for bids, as herein required, then such repairs may be made without advertising for bids; provided, however, such work is authorized by a majority of the board of county commissioners and such action shall be ratified and recorded in the official proceedings of said board at their next meeting.

In case of
emergencies.

SEC. 5. All acts and parts of acts, whether general or special, inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1902.

CHAPTER 51.

S. F. No. 81.

An act fixing and regulating the salaries, compensation, duties and help of sheriffs in counties having or which may hereafter have a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) inhabitants, or over.

Salary of
sheriff in
counties of
200,000.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. The salary of the sheriff of each county of this state, having or which may hereafter have a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) inhabitants, or over, shall be five thousand (5,000) dollars per annum.

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