

to the council prior to transmitting such proposals as recommendations to the governor and the legislature. The commission shall provide time for a report from the advisory council at each meeting of the commission.

The higher education advisory council shall report to the commission quarterly and at such other times as the council may deem desirable. The council shall determine its meeting times, but the council shall also meet within 30 days following a request for a council meeting by the executive director of the commission.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 490—H.F.No.2319

An act relating to the operation of the state government; providing for the purchase of electronic data processing equipment where bids are unsatisfactory; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 16.07, Subdivision 14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 16.07, Subdivision 14, is amended to read:

Subd. 14. **STATE GOVERNMENT; ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT; REJECTION OF BIDS AND NEGOTIATION, EDP.** The commissioner of administration may reject all bids for electronic data processing equipment, related equipment and software and may negotiate a contract for said equipment if he finds such bids to be unsatisfactory, ~~providing that such negotiated price shall not be more than the lowest responsible bid by~~ reason of failure to fully comply with the specifications, terms and conditions of the call for bids. The contract shall be awarded to the vendor offering the lowest price to the state taking into consideration the specifications, terms and conditions agreed upon pursuant to such negotiation.

Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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