
CHAPTER 85—S.F.No.876

An act relating to local government; permitting units in Fillmore County to spend money to assist blood collection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. A statutory or home rule charter city or town located in whole or part in Fillmore County may appropriate not more than \$1 per capita to assist a nonprofit corporation to obtain human blood for medical purposes. A city may appropriate the money by action of its governing body. A town may do so by a majority vote of the town electors at the annual town meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

Approved May 14, 1979.

CHAPTER 86—S.F.No.935

An act relating to the University of Minnesota; requiring establishment of a small business set aside program for certain university procurements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [137.31] **PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL BUSINESSES.** Subdivision 1. **SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDES.** Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the regents of the University of Minnesota shall designate and set aside for awarding to small businesses approximately 20 percent of the value of procurement contracts which are to be awarded during that fiscal year and which are to be paid in total or in part from funds appropriated to the university by the legislature. The regents shall designate specific procurement contracts to be set aside, or may authorize the university administration to divide the amount set aside into procurement contracts of economically feasible size, in order to facilitate offers or bids from small businesses. In making the annual designation, the regents shall attempt to vary the procurement contracts included in the set aside program so that a variety of goods and services produced by different small businesses can be included in the university set aside program over a period of years. For the purposes of this section, (a) "procurement contract" means any agreement, written or oral, by which the university obtains needed goods or services, including the construction of capital improvements; and (b) "small business" has the meaning given that term by state law. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent small businesses from seeking awards of procurement contracts not included in the set aside program.

Subd. 2. **PROCUREMENT RULES.** The regents shall establish procurement rules to govern the university set aside program. The rules shall include guidelines and procedures for negotiating price or securing bids, reasonable limitations on the amount by which a contract price under the set aside program may exceed the estimated cost of

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