

## CHAPTER 399.

H. F. No. 825.

*An act to regulate the letting of contracts for printed blanks, blank books, printed supplies, including election ballots and stationery.*

Contracts for printed supplies.

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

SECTION 1. That in all counties of this state having a population of more than fifty thousand (50,000), and less than one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) the board of county commissioners, before letting any contract for furnishing blanks, blank books, printed supplies, including (election ballots) and stationery, shall instruct the county auditor to advertise for bids for such printing by publication for one week in the newspaper then holding the contract for printing the proceedings of the board; and such advertisement shall set forth the kind or description of printing used in the various offices of said counties, and the specifications therefor, and the date on which the bids will be opened and considered by the board of county commissioners; and shall also notify prospective bidders that the bids will not be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, or its equivalent in money, equal to the amount of one-third of such bid.

Applies to counties between 50,000 and 150,000 inhabitants.

SEC. 2. At the time specified in such advertisement the board of county commissioners shall proceed to open and examine such bids, and shall accept the bid offering to do the work for the lowest price; and preference shall be given by the county commissioners to bidders residents of the county for which the printing is to be done; *provided*, that the board may in its discretion reject all bids and may readvertise and subsequently let the contract under the conditions and in the manner therein specified; *provided, further*, that the successful bidder, before commencing work and before a contract between the county and such successful bidder shall be deemed to be completed and binding, shall furnish for the benefit of the county a good and sufficient surety company bond in such amount as the board of county commissioners shall direct and conditioned for a faithful compliance with the contract.

Commissioners to open and examine bids.

Surety bond.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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