

LEGISLATIVE BILL 55

Approved by the Governor April 17, 1987

Introduced by Haberman, 44

AN ACT relating to the County Purchasing Act; to amend section 23-3108, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1986; to authorize purchases by elected officials in certain counties as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 23-3108, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1986, be amended to read as follows:

23-3108. Except as provided in section 23-3109, purchases of personal property or services by the county board or purchasing agent shall be made:

(1) Through the competitive sealed bidding process prescribed in section 23-3111 if the estimated value of the purchase is ten thousand dollars or more;

(2) By securing and recording at least three informal bids, if practicable, if the estimated value of the purchase is equal to or exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars, but is less than ten thousand dollars; or

(3) By purchasing in the open market if the estimated value of the purchase is less than two thousand five hundred dollars, subject to section 23-3112. In any county having a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants and in which the county board has not appointed a purchasing agent pursuant to section 23-3105, all elected officials are hereby authorized to make purchases with an estimated value less than two thousand five hundred dollars.

In no case shall a purchase made pursuant to subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of this section be divided to produce several purchases which are of an estimated value below that required for bidding established in the relevant subdivision.

All contracts and leases shall be approved as to form by the county attorney, and a copy of each long-term contract or lease shall be filed with the county clerk.

Sec. 2. That original section 23-3108, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1986, is repealed.