

HOUSE BILL NO. 636

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING TO \$50,000 THE THRESHOLD AT WHICH A MUNICIPALITY SHALL REQUIRE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ANY AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK, OTHER VEHICLE, ROAD MACHINERY, OTHER MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, OR MATERIALS OR SUPPLIES OR FOR CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-4302 AND 7-5-4310, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 7-5-4302, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-5-4302. Competitive, advertised bidding required for certain purchase and construction contracts. (1) Except as provided in 7-5-4303 or 7-5-4310, ~~all contracts~~ a contract for the purchase of any automobile, truck, other vehicle, road machinery, other machinery, apparatus, appliances, equipment, or materials or supplies ~~of any kind in excess of \$20,000~~ or for construction, repair, or maintenance in excess of ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000 must be let to the lowest responsible bidder after advertisement for bids.

(2) The advertisement must be published as provided in 7-1-4127, and the second publication must be made not less than 5 days or more than 12 days before the consideration of bids. If the advertisement is made by posting, 15 days must elapse, including the day of posting, between the time of the posting of the advertisement and the day set for considering bids.

(3) The council may postpone action on any contract until the next regular meeting after bids are received in response to the advertisement and may reject any bids and readvertise as provided in this section."

Section 2. Section 7-5-4310, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-5-4310. Use of public auction to make purchase. In lieu of soliciting bids, the council may purchase at public auction any vehicle, machinery, appliances, apparatus, building, or materials and supplies for which must be paid a sum ~~less than \$25,000~~ of \$50,000 or less."

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