

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1512S.01I
Bill No.: SB 324
Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils; Counties; County Government;
County Officials; Contracts and Contractors
Type: Original
Date: February 1, 2021

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the competitive bid process of counties.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Local Government	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Elections** and the **Platte County Board of Elections** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Oversight assumes by raising the competitive bidding amount requirements, there could be a savings to counties in advertising for bids. However, Oversight is unclear on the amount of savings. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a positive unknown to county funds for this proposal.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local election authorities and counties were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
COUNTY FUNDS			
<u>Savings</u> – raises the amount requiring advertising for bids	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COUNTY FUNDS	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

There could be a direct fiscal impact to small businesses as a result of this proposal. Small businesses could realize more opportunities for contracts and purchases with counties.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under current law, all contracts and purchases made by a county shall be given to the lowest and best bidder after opportunity for competition, except that advertising is not required in the case of contracts or purchases involving an expenditure of less than \$6,000. It is not necessary to obtain bids on any purchases in the amount of \$6,000 or less made from any one person or corporation during any period of ninety days.

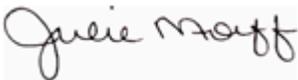
Additionally, the county commission may waive the requirement of competitive bidding, except on any single feasible source purchase where the estimated expenditure is over \$6,000, the commission shall post notice of the proposed purchase and advertise the commission's intent in at least one daily and one weekly newspaper in regular circulation.

This act changes the threshold from \$6,000 to \$12,000 for these expenditures. It shall not be necessary to advertise or obtain bids for expenditures less than \$12,000.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

St. Louis County Board of Elections
Platte County Board of Elections



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