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BILL SUMMARY



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LD:

1512

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING
MINIMUM FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PURCHASES

COOPER
STEVENS P
GWADOSKY

ND: 227

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 222

SUMMARY:

Currently county commissioners are required to obtain competitive bids on all purchases of services, supplies, materials and equipment over \$500. The minimum was last raised in 1979 from \$250 to \$500.

This Act allows the county commissioner to make purchases of \$1,000 or less without competitive bid except in the case of purchases through the state for which the minimum, through oversight, was not changed.

This new draft raises the competitive bidding minimum for county purchases through the State to the level of other county purchases. It affirms that such minimums on purchases through the State are subject to the approval of the State. It makes it clear that county competitive bidding shall be conducted by the same procedures as are required for state purchases.

LD:

1530

AN ACT TO INCREASE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN
THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER REVISION PROCESS

BEAULIEU

ND: 930

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 224

SUMMARY:

This bill was prompted by the current, ongoing charter revision process in Portland. The basic problem sought to be addressed is that current law requires charter revisions to be submitted to a referendum as a single question. This bill was designed to allow a proposed charter revision to be broken up into several separate questions to be voted on individually. The original bill required a city's charter commission to designate a "core" proposal of the charter revision which contained all of the charter revision provisions which were "necessary or appropriate for the implementation of the proposed charter revision." Those provisions of the charter revision which were separated from the "core" proposal would then be grouped into secondary questions. The "core" and secondary questions would be voted on independently at the referendum. The new draft completely replaces the original bill and allows a charter commission to split up a proposed charter revision into separate questions in whatever manner it finds practicable, but only when the commission recommends that only a few modifications to the existing charter be adopted.