

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1098

Approved by the Governor April 17, 2018

Introduced by Hilgers, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the County Purchasing Act; to amend section 23-3108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change dollar thresholds for certain purchasing requirements; and to repeal the original section. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 23-3108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

23-3108 (1) Except as provided in section 23-3109, purchases of personal property or services by the county board or purchasing agent shall be made:

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

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

(c) By purchasing in the open market if the estimated value of the purchase is less than ten ~~five~~ thousand 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 ten ~~five~~ thousand dollars.

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

(3) 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. Original section 23-3108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.