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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 2232
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the estimated cost of a city improvement
2 requiring public bidding procedures.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 357A.12, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 The procedures for contract letting specified in sections
4 384.95 through 384.102 and as specified in section 384.103,
5 subsection 2, shall apply to construction carried out pursuant
6 to this chapter, except that the contract letting procedures
7 shall apply when the estimated total cost of the improvement
8 exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars. References in those
9 sections to a city shall be applicable to a rural water
10 district operating under this chapter, and references to a
11 city council shall be applicable to the board of directors of
12 a rural water district.

13 Sec. 2. Section 384.96, Code 1999, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 384.96 SEALED BIDS.

16 When the estimated total cost to a city of a public
17 improvement exceeds the sum of twenty-five fifty thousand
18 dollars, the governing body shall advertise for sealed bids
19 for the proposed improvement by publishing a notice to bidders
20 as provided in section 362.3, except that the notice to
21 bidders may be published more than twenty days but not more
22 than forty-five days before the date for filing bids.

23 Sec. 3. Section 384.102, Code 1999, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 384.102 WHEN HEARING NECESSARY.

26 When If the estimated total cost of a public improvement
27 exceeds the sum of-twenty-five-thousand-dollars specified in
28 section 384.96, the governing body shall not enter into a
29 contract for the improvement until it has held a public
30 hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, and form of
31 contract, and estimated cost for the improvement. Notice of
32 the hearing must be published as provided in section 362.3.
33 At the hearing any interested person may appear and file
34 objections to the proposed plans, specifications, contract, or
35 estimated cost of the improvement. After hearing objections,

1 the governing body shall by resolution enter its decision on
2 the plans, specifications, contract, and estimated cost.

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EXPLANATION

4 This bill increases the estimated total cost of a city
5 improvement which requires contract letting procedures from
6 \$25,000 to \$50,000.

7 The contracting procedures for a rural water district
8 improvement which, by statutory reference, are the same as for
9 a city are amended so that the estimated cost of an
10 improvement which requires the public bidding remains at
11 \$25,000.

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