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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 2408
BY ANDERSON

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to contract letting procedures for city and
2 county hospitals.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 331.341, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. When the estimated cost of a public improvement, other
4 than improvements which may be paid for from the secondary
5 road fund, exceeds the amount specified in section 309.40 or,
6 for a county hospital exceeds one hundred thousand dollars,
7 the board shall follow the contract letting procedures
8 provided for cities in sections 384.95 to 384.103. However,
9 in following those sections the board shall substitute the
10 word "county" for the word "city", section 331.305 for section
11 362.3, shall consider "governing body" to mean the board, and
12 shall exclude references to a city utility, utility board of
13 trustees, or public utilities. As used in this section,
14 "public improvement" means the same as defined in section
15 384.95 as modified by this subsection. This subsection
16 applies to all county hospitals whether organized under
17 chapter 37, 347, or 347A, or otherwise established by law.

18 Sec. 2. Section 384.96, Code 2005, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 384.96 SEALED BIDS.

21 When the estimated total cost to a city of a public
22 improvement exceeds the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars
23 or, for a city hospital, including a city memorial hospital,
24 exceeds the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the governing
25 body shall advertise for sealed bids for the proposed
26 improvement by publishing a notice to bidders as provided in
27 section 362.3, except that the notice to bidders may be
28 published more than twenty days but not more than forty-five
29 days before the date for filing bids.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill raises the bid threshold amount for county and
32 city hospital public improvements. For county hospitals,
33 whether organized pursuant to Code chapter 37, 347, or 347A,
34 or otherwise established by law, the bid threshold amount is
35 raised from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Similarly, for city

1 hospitals, including city memorial hospitals, the bid
2 threshold is raised from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

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