

HOUSE BILL NO. 4925

July 20, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Kuhn, Tisdell, Steele, Aragona, St. Germaine, Wozniak, Martin, MacDonell and Coleman and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance.

A bill to amend 1909 PA 283, entitled

"An act to revise, consolidate, and add to the laws relating to the establishment, opening, discontinuing, vacating, closing, altering, improvement, maintenance, and use of the public highways and private roads; the condemnation of property and gravel therefor; the building, repairing and preservation of bridges; maintaining public access to waterways under certain conditions; setting and protecting shade trees, drainage, and cutting weeds and brush within this state; providing for the election or appointment and defining the powers, duties, and compensation of state, county, township, and district highway officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies,"

by amending section 10 (MCL 224.10), as amended by 2020 PA 286.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 10. (1) The clerk and the members of a board of county
2 road commissioners are subject to 1968 PA 317, MCL 15.321 to
3 15.330.

4 (2) The board of county road commissioners shall employ a
5 competent county highway engineer who shall make surveys ordered by
6 the board, prepare plans and specifications for roads, bridges, and
7 culverts, and exercise general supervision over construction to
8 insure that the plans and specifications are strictly followed. Two
9 or more adjoining counties may employ the same engineer, if the
10 work in 1 or more of the counties is not enough to employ the whole
11 time of the engineer. The engineer employed by the board shall be
12 known as the county highway engineer.

13 (3) The board may also engage other professional and
14 consultant services as it considers necessary to implement this act
15 and promote efficiency and economy in the operation of the county
16 road system. The board may also employ other necessary laborers and
17 may purchase machines, tools, appliances, and materials that it
18 considers necessary or convenient for the performance of work by
19 the laborers. ~~In-Subject to subsection (4), in~~ cases involving the
20 expenditure of an amount greater than ~~\$15,000.00~~ **\$50,000.00** for the
21 purchase of machines, tools, appliances, and materials, the board
22 of county road commissioners shall advertise for sealed proposals
23 for the machines, tools, appliances, and materials proposed to be
24 purchased, except under emergency conditions, in which case the
25 limit must not exceed ~~\$50,000.00~~ **\$250,000.00**. All purchases made
26 under this section must be compiled separately for purposes of
27 board approval. The board shall advertise for sealed proposals for
28 the purchase of passenger vehicles and trucks weighing ~~less~~ **greater**

1 than ~~5,000~~ **7,500** pounds. The board may purchase surplus properties
2 from the state and federal governments without advertising for
3 sealed proposals.

4 **(4) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and each**
5 **subsequent fiscal year, the state treasurer shall adjust the dollar**
6 **amounts under subsection (3) by the percentage increase in the**
7 **Detroit Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year and**
8 **round to the nearest \$100.00 increment. As used in this subsection,**
9 **"Detroit Consumer Price Index" means the most comprehensive index**
10 **of consumer prices available for the Detroit area from the Bureau**
11 **of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.**

12 **(5) ~~(4)~~—**Each county road commission shall take all reasonable
13 steps to ensure minority business enterprises have the equal
14 opportunity to compete and perform contracts or purchases of
15 services, or both, for the county road commission. The county road
16 commission shall issue a plan for implementing this subsection.

17 **(6) ~~(5)~~—**A county road commission may enter into a contract or
18 agreement for the purchase of real or personal property for public
19 purposes, to be paid for in installments over a period not to
20 exceed 30 years or the useful life of the property acquired,
21 whichever is less. Real or personal property purchased under this
22 act may serve as collateral in support of the purchase, contract,
23 or agreement.