

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 24-05-04 and 48-01.2-07 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to highway improvement contracts to be advertised; and to repeal  
3 section 24-05-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contracts for road  
4 construction.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **24-05-04. Contracts to be advertised - Road construction - Requirements for rental**  
9 **contracts.**

- 10 1. If a contract for a highway improvement exceeds one hundred thousand dollars, the  
11 board of county commissioners shall seek bids by publishing an advertisement at least  
12 once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the county and  
13 in other newspapers as the board deems advisable. For any contract for a highway  
14 improvement that exceeds fifty thousand dollars but does not exceed one hundred  
15 thousand dollars, the county, when possible, shall seek quotes from at least two  
16 contractors.
- 17 2. A purchase of county road machinery and any rental contract or agreement for the use  
18 of road machinery and other articles, except necessary repairs for road machinery,  
19 which exceeds the sum of fifty thousand dollars must be advertised ~~as provided by law~~  
20 ~~for the purchase of county supplies~~ by publishing an advertisement for bids at least  
21 once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the county and  
22 in any other newspapers as the board deems advisable. The board of county  
23 commissioners may not enter a rental contract or agreement for the use of road  
24 machinery and other articles for a longer period than twelve months from the date of

1 the rental contract or agree to pay rental for the use of road machinery and other  
2 articles which would result in the lessor receiving rental at a rate in excess of twenty  
3 percent per year of the cash sale price of the road machinery or other articles. The  
4 cash sale price of the road machinery and other articles must be clearly set forth in  
5 any rental contract for road machinery and other articles and failure to include this  
6 data in any rental contract for the use of road machinery and other articles renders the  
7 rental contract void. A payment made under a void rental contract is recoverable from  
8 the county commissioners making the contract, jointly and severally.

9 ~~2.3.~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of this section relating to the duration of rental  
10 contracts, the board of county commissioners may enter lease-purchase agreements  
11 for the road machinery and articles covered by this section if those agreements  
12 provide for the complete performance and full payment of the purchase price of the  
13 machinery or articles within seven years from the date of the execution of the  
14 lease-purchase agreement according to section 44-08-01.1.

15 4. Bids received under this section must be opened and awarded under the procedure  
16 provided in section 48-01.2-07.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 48-01.2-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **48-01.2-07. Opening of bids - Award of contract.**

20 At the time and place specified in the notice, a governing body shall open publicly and read  
21 aloud each responsible bid received and award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.  
22 The government body's chief administrative agent may open and organize bids before the  
23 public opening if the time to submit bids has expired and the bids remains confidential. A  
24 governing body may reject any and all bids and readvertise for bids if no bid is satisfactory or if  
25 the governing body determines any agreement has been entered by the bidders or others to  
26 prevent competition. The governing body may advertise for new bids in accordance with this  
27 chapter until a satisfactory bid is received.

28 **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** Section 24-05-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.