## House Bill 679

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Government.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 7-5-4302, MCA, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PER CONTRACT FROM 1+,000 TO \$10,000 FOR PURPOSES OF PERMITTING A CITY OR TOWN TO NEGOTIATE CERTAIN PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BID."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 7-5-4302, MCA, is amended to read: #7-5-4302. Competitive, advertised bidding required for certain purchase and construction contracts. (1) Except as provided in 7-5-4303, all contracts for the purchase of any automobile, truck, other vehicle, road machinery, other machinery, apparatus, appliances, or equipment, for any materials or supplies of any kind, or for construction for which must be paid a sum exceeding \$4,000 must be let to the lowest responsible bidder after advertisement for bids.

(2) Such advertisement shall be made in the official newspaper of the city or town if there be such official newspaper, and if not, it shall be made in a daily newspaper of general circulation published in the city or town if there be such and, otherwise, by posting in three of the

most public places in the city or town. Such advertisement,

if by publication in a newspaper, shall be made once each

week for 2 consecutive weeks, and the second publication

shall be made not less than 5 days or more than 12 days

before the consideration of bids. If such advertisement is

made by posting, 15 days must elapse, including the day of

posting, between the time of the posting of such

advertisement and the day set for considering bids.

(3) The council may postpone action as to any such contract until the next regular meeting after bids are received in response to such advertisement and may reject any and all bids and readvertise as provided herein.

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