
SENATE BILL 6757

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By Senator Morton

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1 AN ACT Relating to contract restrictions for first class school
2 districts; and reenacting and amending RCW 42.23.030.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.23.030 and 1994 c 81 s 77 and 1994 c 20 s 1 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 No municipal officer shall be beneficially interested, directly or
7 indirectly, in any contract which may be made by, through or under the
8 supervision of such officer, in whole or in part, or which may be made
9 for the benefit of his or her office, or accept, directly or
10 indirectly, any compensation, gratuity or reward in connection with
11 such contract from any other person beneficially interested therein.
12 This section shall not apply in the following cases:

13 (1) The furnishing of electrical, water or other utility services
14 by a municipality engaged in the business of furnishing such services,
15 at the same rates and on the same terms as are available to the public
16 generally;

17 (2) The designation of public depositaries for municipal funds;

1 (3) The publication of legal notices required by law to be
2 published by any municipality, upon competitive bidding or at rates not
3 higher than prescribed by law for members of the general public;

4 (4) The designation of a school director as clerk or as both clerk
5 and purchasing agent of a school district;

6 (5) The employment of any person by a municipality, other than a
7 county with a population of one hundred twenty-five thousand or more,
8 a city of the first or second class, an irrigation district
9 encompassing in excess of fifty thousand acres, or a first class school
10 district, for unskilled day labor at wages not exceeding one hundred
11 dollars in any calendar month;

12 (6) The letting of any other contract (except a sale or lease as
13 seller or lessor) by a municipality, other than a county with a
14 population of one hundred twenty-five thousand or more, a city with a
15 population of ten thousand or more, or an irrigation district
16 encompassing in excess of fifty thousand acres(~~(, or a first class~~
17 ~~school district))~~): PROVIDED, That the total volume of business
18 represented by such contract or contracts in which a particular officer
19 is interested, singly or in the aggregate, as measured by the dollar
20 amount of the municipality's liability thereunder, shall not exceed
21 seven hundred fifty dollars in any calendar month: PROVIDED FURTHER,
22 That in the case of a particular officer of a second class city or
23 town, or a noncharter optional code city, or a member of any county
24 fair board in a county which has not established a county purchasing
25 department pursuant to RCW 36.32.240, the total volume of such contract
26 or contracts authorized in this subsection may exceed seven hundred
27 fifty dollars in any calendar month but shall not exceed nine thousand
28 dollars in any calendar year: PROVIDED FURTHER, That there shall be
29 public disclosure by having an available list of such purchases or
30 contracts, and if the supplier or contractor is an official of the
31 municipality, he or she shall not vote on the authorization;

32 (7) The leasing by a port district as lessor of port district
33 property to a municipal officer or to a contracting party in which a
34 municipal officer may be beneficially interested, if in addition to all
35 other legal requirements, a board of three disinterested appraisers,
36 who shall be appointed from members of the American institute of real
37 estate appraisers by the presiding judge of the superior court in the
38 county where the property is situated, shall find and the court finds

1 that all terms and conditions of such lease are fair to the port
2 district and are in the public interest;

3 (8) The letting of any employment contract for the driving of a
4 school bus in a second class school district: PROVIDED, That the terms
5 of such contract shall be commensurate with the pay plan or collective
6 bargaining agreement operating in the district;

7 (9) The letting of any employment contract to the spouse of an
8 officer of a second class school district in which less than two
9 hundred full time equivalent students are enrolled at the start of the
10 school year as defined in RCW 28A.150.040, when such contract is solely
11 for employment as a certificated or classified employee of the school
12 district, or the letting of any contract to the spouse of an officer of
13 a school district, when such contract is solely for employment as a
14 substitute teacher for the school district: PROVIDED, That the terms
15 of such contract shall be commensurate with the pay plan or collective
16 bargaining agreement applicable to all district employees and the board
17 of directors has found, consistent with the written policy under RCW
18 28A.330.240, that there is a shortage of substitute teachers in the
19 school district;

20 (10) The letting of any employment contract to the spouse of an
21 officer of a school district if the spouse was under contract as a
22 certificated or classified employee with the school district before the
23 date in which the officer assumes office: PROVIDED, That the terms of
24 such contract shall be commensurate with the pay plan or collective
25 bargaining agreement operating in the district.

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