
Transportation Committee

HB 1427

Brief Description: Concerning county electrical traffic control signals, illumination equipment, and other electrical equipment conveying an electrical current.

Sponsors: Representatives Irwin, Chapman, Fey, Walsh, Shea and Riccelli.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removes a provision requiring counties to contract for certain electrical projects that cost more than \$10,000.
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Hearing Date: 2/4/19

Staff: David Munnecke (786-7315).

Background:

A county may usually construct or improve any county road using regular employees of the county, subject to certain monetary limitations.

For counties with a population of 400,000 or more, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects undertaken by county employees may not exceed \$3,250,000 plus this same amount multiplied by the previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax distribution factor (distribution factor). For counties with a population equal to or greater than 150,000 and less than 400,000, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects undertaken by county employees may not exceed \$1,750,000 plus this same amount multiplied by the previous year's distribution factor. For counties with a population equal to or greater than 30,000 and less than 150,000, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects undertaken by county employees may not exceed \$1,250,000 plus this same amount multiplied by the previous year's distribution factor. For counties with a population of less than 30,000, the maximum annual cost of road construction projects undertaken by county employees may not exceed \$700,000 plus this same amount multiplied by the previous year's distribution factor.

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Whenever the construction work or improvement is the installation of electrical traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment, electrical equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical current, in an amount exceeding \$10,000 for any one project including labor, equipment, and materials, the work must be performed by contract.

Summary of Bill:

Counties are no longer required to contract for projects that exceed \$10,000 in cost and involve the installation of electrical traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment, electrical equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical current.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 4, 2019.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.