

Sec. 7. **EFFECTIVE DATES.**

Sections 1 to 6 are effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor March 31, 2000

Signed by the governor April 4, 2000, 3:35 p.m.

CHAPTER 328—S.F.No. 2905

An act relating to municipalities; increasing certain dollar limits in the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law; providing an exemption for certain cooperative purchasing; authorizing county purchases on credit cards; providing for personal liability for county officers and employees for unauthorized credit card purchases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 471.345, subdivisions 3, 4, and by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 375.

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

Section 1. **[375.171] CREDIT CARDS.**

A county board may authorize the use of a credit card by any county officer or employee otherwise authorized to make a purchase on behalf of the county. If a county officer or employee makes a purchase by credit card that is not approved by the county board, the officer or employee is personally liable for the amount of the purchase. A purchase by credit card must otherwise comply with all statutes, rules, or county policy applicable to county purchases.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 471.345, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000 \$35,000 FOR MUNICIPALITIES OF LESS THAN 2,500 POPULATION; \$50,000 FOR ALL OTHERS.** If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed ~~\$25,000~~ \$35,000 for municipalities of less than 2,500 population, or \$50,000 for all others, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice in the manner and subject to the requirements of the law governing contracts by the particular municipality or class thereof provided that with regard to repairs and maintenance of ditches, bids shall not be required if the estimated amount of the contract does not exceed the amount specified in section 103E.705, subdivisions 5, 6, and 7.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 471.345, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **CONTRACTS FROM \$10,000 TO \$25,000 \$35,000 FOR MUNICIPALITIES OF LESS THAN 2,500 POPULATION; \$50,000 FOR ALL OTHERS.** If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$10,000 but not to exceed ~~\$25,000~~ \$35,000 for municipalities of less than 2,500 population, or \$50,000 for all others, the

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contract may be made either upon sealed bids or by direct negotiation, by obtaining two or more quotations for the purchase or sale when possible, and without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 471.345, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 15. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING. A municipality may contract for the purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment without regard to the competitive bidding requirements of this section if the purchase is through a national municipal association's purchasing alliance or cooperative created by a joint powers agreement that purchases items from more than one source on the basis of competitive bids or competitive quotations.

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CHAPTER 329—H.F.No. 3169

An act relating to Dakota county; making or authorizing organizational, procedural, and authority changes to certain county boards, agencies, and authorities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 383D.30, subdivision 1; 383D.31; and 383D.41, subdivision 5, and by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 383D.41, subdivision 7.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 383D.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. The county board shall appoint ~~three~~ four persons to serve staggered terms as members of a personnel board of appeals. After the first appointments, successors shall serve for terms of three years each. Expiration dates for expiring terms shall be fixed by the county board and vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the county board for the unexpired term. Persons appointed to the personnel board of appeals shall not serve while holding any county office, while standing as a candidate for any county office, or while employed by the county. Each member shall be a resident of the county and shall forfeit office on becoming a nonresident.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 383D.31, is amended to read:

383D.31 DUTIES OF BOARD OF APPEALS.

Subdivision 1. **JURISDICTION.** A panel of three members of the personnel board of appeals shall meet upon call of its chair or the employee relations director to

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