

HB 58 -- County Purchasing

Sponsor: Johnson (47)

This bill requires all county commissions without a purchasing agent to estimate county expenditures for supplies, excluding utility services, for the following year. The commission may authorize the purchase of supplies at a public auction within the county. No contract for purchase is valid until the commission has approved a purchase order for the supplies for which bids were advertised and submitted as required. Competitive bids may be waived by the county commission under emergency circumstances or when there is only a single feasible source for the supplies. A proposed purchase of more than \$5,000 from a single feasible source must be posted, and a proposed purchase of more than \$25,000 must be advertised. The county commission may delegate its procurement authority to county departments provided that the department follows all the laws for purchasing, entering contracts, and keeping records.