

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 40A:11-6.1

(Local public contracts law -- minimum amount for soliciting quotations -- increase to \$1,000)

LAWS OF: 1983

CHAPTER: 418

Bill No: S341

Sponsor(s): Dalton

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Senate: County and Municipal Government

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Sponsor statement: Yes (Below)

Committee statement: Assembly No

Senate Yes

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Veto Message: No

Message on Signing: ~~No~~ Yes

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

Sponsors' statement:

This bill increases the amount from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 above which a contracting agent is required to solicit quotations prior to the awarding of certain purchases, contracts or agreements.

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SENATE, No. 341

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1982 SESSION

By Senator DALTON

AN ACT to amend "An act to amend and supplement the 'Local Public Contracts Law,' approved June 9, 1971 (P. L. 1971, c. 198)," approved March 3, 1976 (P. L. 1975, c. 353).

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
2 of New Jersey:

1 1. Section 6 of P. L. 1975, c. 353 (C. 40A:11-6.1) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 6. Award of purchases, contracts or agreements. All purchases,
4 contracts or agreements which require public advertisement for
5 bids shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

6 Prior to the award of any other purchase, contract or agreement,
7 the contracting agent shall, except in the case of the performance
8 of professional services, solicit quotations, whenever practicable,
9 on any such purchase, contract or agreement the estimated cost or
10 price of which is **[\$500.00]** \$1,000.00 or more, and the award thereof
11 shall be made, in accordance with sections 3 (C. 40A:11-3) or 4
12 (C. 40A:11-4), as the case may be, of the Local Public Contracts
13 Law, on the basis of the lowest responsible quotation received,
14 which quotation is most advantageous to the contracting unit, price
15 and other factors considered; provided, however, that if the con-
16 tracting agent deems it impracticable to solicit competitive quota-
17 tions in the case of extraordinary, unspecifiable service, or, in the
18 case of such or any other purchase, contract or agreement awarded
19 hereunder, having sought such quotations determines that it should
20 not be awarded on the basis of the lowest quotation received, the
21 contracting agent shall file a statement of explanation of the reason
22 or reasons therefor, which shall be placed on file with said purchase,
23 contract or agreement.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

STATEMENT

This bill increases the amount from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 above which a contracting agent is required to solicit quotations prior to the awarding of certain purchases, contracts or agreements.

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 341

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 6, 1982

Senate Bill No. 341 would amend the "Local Public Contracts Law" to increase from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 the amount above which a contracting agent is required to solicit quotations prior to awarding certain purchases, contracts or agreements. The law to be amended applies to contracts in an amount below the \$4,500.00 threshold, above which contracts must be bid.

The \$500.00 quotation threshold was established in 1975, and has not

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JANUARY 5, 1984

S-1684, sponsored by State Senator Leonard T. Connors, Jr., R-Ocean, which appropriates \$40,000 in State aid for disaster assistance to Berkeley Township. The funds will be used to pay for costs associated with providing public protection, health and sanitation costs, as well as clean-up services made necessary by a tornado which struck the Township June 29, 1982.

S-1461/A-1557, sponsored by State Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco, R-Union, and Assemblyman Walter M. D. Kern, R-Bergen, which sets maximum bail of \$2500 for persons charged with fourth degree crimes, disorderly or petty disorderly offenses, unless the court finds the individual presents a serious threat to the physical safety of evidence or persons involved in the incident. The bill is intended to prevent crowding county jails with minor offenders who are unable to meet high bail requirements.

S-341, sponsored by State Senator Daniel J. Dalton, D-Camden, which amends the public contracts law to raise from \$500 to \$1000 the amount above which a contracting agent is required to obtain quotations of price before making purchases or contracts.

S-856, sponsored by State Senator Raymond J. Zane, D-Gloucester, which amends the definition of "soil conditioner" as used in the Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act of 1970 to include new soil conditioning products.