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AN ACT to amend and reenact §16-13A-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the expenditure limit from \$15,000 to \$25,000 on public service district construction and purchase contracts before competitive bids are required.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §16-13A-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted, to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 13A. PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICTS.

§16-13A-7. Acquisition and operation of district properties.

1 The board of these districts shall have the supervision and 2 control of all public service properties acquired or 3 constructed by the district, and shall have the power, and it 4 shall be its duty, to maintain, operate, extend and improve the same, including, but not limited to, those activities necessary 5 6 to comply with all federal and state requirements, including 7 water quality improvement activities. All contracts involving the expenditure by the district of more than \$25,000 for 8 9 construction work or for the purchase of equipment and 10 improvements, extensions or replacements, shall be entered 11 into only after notice inviting bids shall have been published 12 as a Class I legal advertisement in compliance with the 13 provision of article three, chapter fifty-nine of this code, and 14 the publication area for such publication shall be as specified 15 in section two of this article in the county or counties in 16 which the district is located. The publication shall not be less 17 than ten days prior to the making of any such contract. To 18 the extent allowed by law, in-state contractors shall be given 19 first priority in awarding public service district contracts. It 20 shall be the duty of the board to ensure that local in-state 21 labor shall be utilized to the greatest extent possible when 22 hiring laborers for public service district construction or 23 maintenance repair jobs. It shall further be the duty of the 24 board to encourage contractors to use American made 25 products in their construction to the extent possible. Any 26 obligations incurred of any kind or character shall not in any 27 event constitute or be deemed an indebtedness within the 28 meaning of any of the provisions or limitations of the 29 Constitution, but all such obligations shall be payable solely 30 and only out of revenues derived from the operation of the 31 public service properties of the district or from proceeds of 32 bonds issued as hereinafter provided. No continuing contract 33 for the purchase of materials or supplies or for furnishing the 34 district with electrical energy or power shall be entered into 35 for a longer period than fifteen years.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

010 Chairman, House Committee Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

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