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# Bill Summary =

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## Overview

This bill increases the threshold amounts for the various methods of entering into contracts under the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law. It makes related changes to the statute governing drainage authorities.

### **Section**

- 1 Repairs not subject to bidding requirements (drainage authorities). Strikes the specific dollar amount under which advertising for bids would not be required and ties the threshold to that for sealed bids in the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law.
- Annual repair assessment levy limits (drainage authorities). Strikes the specific dollar amount over which the drainage authority may not levy an assessment for repairs or maintenance and inserts reference to the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law.
- Repair and construction after disaster (drainage authorities). Strikes the specific dollar amount threshold for bids for repair and reconstruction of drainage system after a disaster and inserts reference to the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law.
- 4 Contracts over \$100,000. Increases the threshold amount for sealed bids in the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law from \$50,000 to \$100,000.
- 5 Contracts over \$100,000; best value alternative. Head note change.
- 6 Contracts from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Increases the contract amounts for direct negotiation from \$10,000-\$50,000 to \$25,000-\$100,000.
- 7 Contracts from \$25,000 to \$100,000; best value alternative. Head note change.

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**8 Contracts \$25,000 or less.** Raises the maximum amount for using quotation or open market.