

LEGISLATIVE BILL 63

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1975

Introduced by Executive Board, Mahoney, 5, Chmn.;  
Goodrich, 20; Kremer, 34; Savage, 10; Stull,  
49; Schmit, 23

AN ACT to amend section 70-637, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to public power and irrigation districts; to change when sealed bids shall be required prior to entering into contracts; to provide exceptions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 70-637, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

70-637. Before any district shall enter into any contract for the construction, building, alteration, extension, or improvement of any power plant or system, or irrigation works, or any part or section thereof, for the use of the district, or for the purchase of any materials, machinery, or apparatus to be used in such construction, building, alteration, extension, or improvement, such district shall cause estimates of the cost thereof to be made by some competent engineer or engineers. If such estimated cost shall exceed the sum of twenty fifty thousand dollars, no such contract shall be entered into without advertising for sealed bids. With respect to contracts entered into by a district in the exercise of its rights and powers relating to radioactive material or the energy therefrom, if said engineer or engineers shall certify that by reason of the developmental nature of the subject matter of the contract compliance with this section would be impractical or not in the public interest, then the provisions of this--section sections 70-637 to 70-639 shall not apply. With respect to contracts in excess of fifty thousand dollars entered into for the purchase of any materials, machinery, or apparatus to be used in the construction, building, alteration, extension, or improvement of any power plant or system, or irrigation works, or any part or section thereof when the contract does not include onsite labor for the installation thereof, if, after advertising for sealed bids, no responsive bids are received or if the board of directors of such district determines that all bids received are in excess of the fair market value of the subject matter of

such bids, then the provisions of sections 70-637 to 70-639 shall not apply.

Sec. 2. That original section 70-637, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.