

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1432  
(Representatives Richter, Dockter, Kempenich, Longmuir, Zubke)  
(Senators Bekkedahl, Kannianen, Patten)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 24-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to purchasing road machinery.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**24-05-04. Contracts to be advertised - Road construction - Requirements for rental contracts.**

1. If a contract for a highway improvement exceeds one hundred thousand dollars, the board of county commissioners shall seek bids by publishing an advertisement at least once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the county and in other newspapers as the board deems advisable. The first publication must be made at least fifteen days before the day set for the opening of the bids. For any contract for a highway improvement that exceeds fifty thousand dollars but does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, the county, when possible, shall seek quotes from at least two contractors.
2. AExcept as provided in section 54-44.4-13, a purchase of county road machinery and any rental contract or agreement for the use of road machinery and other articles, except necessary repairs for road machinery, which exceeds the sum of fiftyone hundred thousand dollars must be advertised by publishing an advertisement for bids at least once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the county and in any other newspapers as the board deems advisable. The first publication must be made at least fifteen days before the day set for the opening of the bids. The board of county commissioners may not enter a rental contract or agreement for the use of road machinery and other articles for a longer period than twelve months from the date of the rental contract or agree to pay rental for the use of road machinery and other articles which would result in the lessor receiving rental at a rate in excess of twenty percent per year of the cash sale price of the road machinery or other articles. The cash sale price of the road machinery and other articles must be clearly set forth in any rental contract for road machinery and other articles and failure to include this data in any rental contract for the use of road machinery and other articles renders the rental contract void. A payment made under a void rental contract is recoverable from the county commissioners making the contract, jointly and severally.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section relating to the duration of rental contracts, the board of county commissioners may enter lease-purchase agreements for the road machinery and articles covered by this section if those agreements provide for the complete performance and full payment of the purchase price of the machinery or articles within seven years from the date of the execution of the lease-purchase agreement according to section 44-08-01.1.
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section relating to bidding of road machinery, the board of county commissioners or its designee may purchase used road machinery at public auction or as surplus property from the office of management and budget.
5. Bids received under this section must be opened and awarded under the procedure provided in section 48-01.2-07.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1432.

House Vote:    Yeas 90            Nays 1            Absent 3

Senate Vote:    Yeas 46            Nays 0            Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,

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Secretary of State