

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0070

Irrigation districts-bid requirements.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to irrigation districts; increasing the
2 cost requirements for irrigation district purchases or
3 projects that are required to be submitted for bids; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 41-7-412 and 41-7-813 are amended to
9 read:

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11 **41-7-412. Advertisement for bids.**

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13 In all cases where the work to be done at any one (1) time
14 under the direction of the commissioners will, in their
15 opinion, cost to exceed ~~seven thousand five hundred dollars~~

1 ~~(\$7,500.00)~~ seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), the
2 same shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and the
3 commissioner shall advertise for sealed bids, by notice
4 published in some newspaper published in the county in
5 which the petition is filed, and may advertise in one (1)
6 or more newspapers published elsewhere. If there be no
7 newspaper published in the county in which the petition is
8 filed, they shall advertise in some newspaper published in
9 an adjoining county, which said notice shall particularly
10 set forth the time and place when and where the bids
11 advertised will be opened, the kind of work to be let and
12 the terms of payment. Said commissioners may continue the
13 letting from time to time, if in their judgment the same
14 shall be necessary, and shall reserve the right to reject
15 any and all bids. This section shall not be construed to
16 apply to the employment of superintendent, engineer,
17 attorney or other employee engaged in the general work of
18 the district.

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20 **41-7-813. Construction of irrigation works; cost**
21 **estimates; advertisement for bids; contracts.**

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1 Before any district shall enter into any contract for the
2 construction, building, alteration, extension, or
3 improvement of any irrigation works, power plant or system,
4 or any part or section thereof for the use of the district,
5 or for the purchase of any materials, machinery, or
6 apparatus, such district shall cause estimates of the cost
7 thereof to be made by some competent engineer or engineers
8 and if such estimated cost shall exceed the sum of ~~one~~
9 ~~thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ twenty thousand dollars
10 (\$20,000.00) no such contract shall be entered into for a
11 price, cost or consideration exceeding such estimate nor
12 without advertising for sealed bids. Prior to such
13 advertisement, plans and specifications for the proposed
14 construction work or materials shall be prepared and filed
15 at the principal office or place of business of the
16 district. Such advertisement shall be inserted for three
17 (3) consecutive issues, with not less than twenty (20) days
18 intervening between the first and last publication dates,
19 in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the
20 district and, in the discretion of the board of directors
21 of the district, in such additional newspapers or trade or
22 technical periodicals as may be selected by the board in
23 order to give proper notice of the receiving of bids. Such

1 advertisement shall designate the nature of the
2 construction work proposed to be done or materials proposed
3 to be purchased; that the plans and specifications therefor
4 may be inspected at the office of the district, giving the
5 location thereof, and shall designate the time within which
6 bids shall be filed and the date, hour and place the same
7 shall be opened. The board of directors of the district,
8 with the assistance of the state engineer, whose duty it
9 shall be to supervise such lettings, may let the contract
10 for such work or materials to the lowest responsible
11 bidder, or, in the sole discretion of the board, all bids
12 tendered may be rejected and readvertisement for bids made
13 in the manner, form and time in this section provided. No
14 such contract shall be valid nor shall any money of the
15 district be expended thereunder unless advertisement and
16 letting shall have been had as in this section provided.
17 Such contract shall provide that wherever possible workmen
18 who are citizens of Wyoming shall be employed by the
19 contractor. All provisions of W.S. 16-6-112 through
20 16-6-115, with reference to contractor's bonds, shall be
21 applicable and effective as to any contract let pursuant to
22 the provisions of this act; provided further, that if all
23 or a portion of the cost of the proposed works is to be met

1 by grant of labor or a grant in aid from a federal or state
2 agency, the rules and regulations of which agency provide
3 that work shall not be done by contract, the board may
4 proceed with the necessary construction or other work
5 without first complying with any of the foregoing
6 provisions of this section.

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8 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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