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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Irrigation districts-bid requirements.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political  
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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;  
4 requiring any purchase of a motor vehicle to be submitted  
5 for bid regardless of the estimated cost; and providing for  
6 an effective date.

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

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

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13 **41-7-412. Advertisement for bids.**

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2 In all cases where the work to be done at any one (1) time  
3 under the direction of the commissioners will, in their  
4 opinion, cost to exceed ~~seven thousand five hundred dollars~~  
5 ~~(\$7,500.00)~~ twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) or for any  
6 purchase of a motor vehicle regardless of the cost, the  
7 same shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and the  
8 commissioner shall advertise for sealed bids, by notice  
9 published in some newspaper published in the county in  
10 which the petition is filed, and may advertise in one (1)  
11 or more newspapers published elsewhere. If there be no  
12 newspaper published in the county in which the petition is  
13 filed, they shall advertise in some newspaper published in  
14 an adjoining county, which said notice shall particularly  
15 set forth the time and place when and where the bids  
16 advertised will be opened, the kind of work to be let and  
17 the terms of payment. Said commissioners may continue the  
18 letting from time to time, if in their judgment the same  
19 shall be necessary, and shall reserve the right to reject  
20 any and all bids. This section shall not be construed to  
21 apply to the employment of superintendent, engineer,  
22 attorney or other employee engaged in the general work of  
23 the district.

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2           **41-7-813. Construction of irrigation works; cost**  
3 **estimates; advertisement for bids; contracts.**

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

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

1 16-6-115, with reference to contractor's bonds, shall be  
2 applicable and effective as to any contract let pursuant to  
3 the provisions of this act; provided further, that if all  
4 or a portion of the cost of the proposed works is to be met  
5 by grant of labor or a grant in aid from a federal or state  
6 agency, the rules and regulations of which agency provide  
7 that work shall not be done by contract, the board may  
8 proceed with the necessary construction or other work  
9 without first complying with any of the foregoing  
10 provisions of this section.

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12 (b) Before any district shall enter into any contract  
13 for the purchase of a motor vehicle, regardless of the  
14 estimated cost, the contract shall be advertised for sealed  
15 bids in the same manner as provided in subsection (a) of  
16 this section to the extent applicable to the purchase of  
17 machinery.

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

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