

# SENATE BILL NO. 1028

October 02, 2024, Introduced by Senators BAYER, SHINK and KLINEFELT and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend 1909 PA 283, entitled

"An act to revise, consolidate, and add to the laws relating to the establishment, opening, discontinuing, vacating, closing, altering, improvement, maintenance, and use of the public highways and private roads; the condemnation of property and gravel therefor; the building, repairing and preservation of bridges; maintaining public access to waterways under certain conditions; setting and protecting shade trees, drainage, and cutting weeds and brush within this state; providing for the election or appointment and defining the powers, duties, and compensation of state, county, township, and district highway officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies,"

by amending section 10 (MCL 224.10), as amended by 2020 PA 286.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 10. (1) The clerk and the members of a board of county  
2 road commissioners are subject to 1968 PA 317, MCL 15.321 to  
3 15.330.

4           (2) The board of county road commissioners shall employ a  
5 competent county highway engineer who shall make surveys ordered by  
6 the board, prepare plans and specifications for roads, bridges, and  
7 culverts, and exercise general supervision over construction to  
8 insure that the plans and specifications are strictly followed. Two  
9 or more adjoining counties may employ the same engineer, if the  
10 work in 1 or more of the counties is not enough to employ the whole  
11 time of the engineer. The engineer employed by the board shall be  
12 known as the county highway engineer.

13           (3) The board may also engage other professional and  
14 consultant services as it considers necessary to implement this act  
15 and promote efficiency and economy in the operation of the county  
16 road system. The board may also employ other necessary laborers and  
17 may purchase machines, tools, appliances, and materials that it  
18 considers necessary or convenient for the performance of work by  
19 the laborers. ~~In-Subject to subsection (4), in~~ cases involving the  
20 expenditure of an amount greater than ~~\$15,000.00~~ **\$50,000.00** for the  
21 purchase of machines, tools, appliances, and materials, the board  
22 of county road commissioners shall advertise for sealed proposals  
23 for the machines, tools, appliances, and materials proposed to be  
24 purchased, except under emergency conditions, in which case the  
25 limit must not exceed ~~\$50,000.00~~ **\$250,000.00**. All purchases made  
26 under this section must be compiled separately for purposes of  
27 board approval. The board shall advertise for sealed proposals for  
28 the purchase of passenger vehicles and trucks weighing ~~less~~ **greater**

1 than ~~5,000~~ **7,500** pounds. The board may purchase surplus properties  
2 from the state and federal governments without advertising for  
3 sealed proposals.

4 **(4) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and each**  
5 **subsequent fiscal year, the state treasurer shall adjust the dollar**  
6 **amounts under subsection (3) by the percentage increase in the**  
7 **Detroit Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year and**  
8 **round to the nearest \$100.00 increment. As used in this subsection,**  
9 **"Detroit Consumer Price Index" means the most comprehensive index**  
10 **of consumer prices available for the Detroit area from the Bureau**  
11 **of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.**

12 **(5) ~~(4)~~—**Each county road commission shall take all reasonable  
13 steps to ensure minority business enterprises have the equal  
14 opportunity to compete and perform contracts or purchases of  
15 services, or both, for the county road commission. The county road  
16 commission shall issue a plan for implementing this subsection.

17 **(6) ~~(5)~~—**A county road commission may enter into a contract or  
18 agreement for the purchase of real or personal property for public  
19 purposes, to be paid for in installments over a period not to  
20 exceed 30 years or the useful life of the property acquired,  
21 whichever is less. Real or personal property purchased under this  
22 act may serve as collateral in support of the purchase, contract,  
23 or agreement.