

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 279 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to competitive bids."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 37.05.230(2) is amended to read:

9 (2) if the amount of the contractual services, purchase, or
10 sale is estimated to exceed \$2,500 [\$1,000] sealed bids shall be
11 solicited, when practicable, by publication in a newspaper calculated
12 to reach prospective bidders and by posting notices in public places
13 within the area where the work is to be performed or material furnished
14 and in addition the department may also designate a trade journal for
15 publication; the department shall also solicit bids by sending no-
16 tices by mail to all active prospective bidders known to it and all
17 bids shall be sealed when received, and shall be opened in public at
18 the hour stated in the notice; the department may negotiate directly
19 if it finds that it is in the best interests of the state;

20 * Sec. 2. AS 37.05.230(3) is amended to read:

21 (3) a contractual service, purchase or sale where the
22 known requirements are estimated to be less than \$2,500 [\$1,000] may
23 be made either upon competitive bids in accordance with (2) of this
24 section or in the open market, in the discretion of the department;
25 but, so far as practicable, shall be based on at least three com-
26 petitive bids and recorded as provided in sec. 240 of this chapter;
27 small purchases of less than \$300 [\$100] in the discretion of the de-
28 partment may be made on the open market, and may be by cash payment
29 from petty cash accounts set aside for that purpose; the department

1 shall determine the amount of the petty cash accounts needed by each
2 state agency, and inspect the petty cash accounts at least once each
3 year to determine that the total plus amounts of receipts for un-
4 replenished disbursements is equal to the fixed sum of cash set aside;
5 shortages in petty cash accounts are a personal liability of the
6 responsible head of the agency to whom the account is set aside; the
7 department shall make all necessary rules and regulations governing
8 use and replenishment of petty cash funds;