

SENATE BILL 975

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7,
Chapter 34; Title 7, Chapter 36; Title 7, Chapter
52 and Title 12, relative to contracts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-36-112(a), is amended by deleting "fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)" and substituting "one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-36-112, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) Beginning on July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the amount specified in subsection (a) must be increased or decreased by the comptroller of the treasury in accordance with the consumer price index, all cities average, published by the United States department of labor.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-52-117, is amended by deleting subsections (d) and (e) and substituting:

(d)

(1) The superintendent shall let all contracts, subject to the approval of the supervisory body, but may, without such approval, obligate the electric plant on purchase orders up to an amount to be fixed by the supervisory body, but not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). Work or construction exceeding in cost the amount specified in this subdivision (d)(1) must, before a contract is let or work is done, be advertised by the superintendent for bids; provided, that the supervisory body may reject any and all bids.

(2) The superintendent shall let all other contracts with the approval of the supervisory body or pursuant to a purchasing policy or other delegation of authority adopted by the supervisory body. Work or construction exceeding in cost the amount specified in subsection (d)(1) must, before a contract is let or work is done, be advertised by the superintendent for bids; provided, that the supervisory body may reject any and all bids.

(3) Beginning on July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the amount specified in subdivision (d)(1) must be increased or decreased by the comptroller of the treasury in accordance with the consumer price index, all cities average, published by the United States department of labor.

(e) The superintendent shall make and keep full and proper books and records, subject to the supervision and direction of the supervisory body.

(f) If the supervisory board has jurisdiction over waterworks, sewerage works, or gas systems, for those systems this section applies to all purchases of services or property, whether real or personal, all leases and lease-purchases, all contracts, and the disposition of all property for the waterworks, sewerage works, or gas systems.

(g) For the purposes of this section, "superintendent" includes a designee of the superintendent or another officer or person as may be authorized by the superintendent or supervisory board.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.