



2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 142

March 6, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives MCGUIRE, SNODGRASS, DOYLE, BARE, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, JACOBSON, JOERS, OHNSTAD, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators PFAFF, WIRCH, AGARD and ROYS. Referred to Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **To amend** section 25 of article IV of the constitution; **relating to:** state contracts for
2 stationery and printing (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, state contracts for stationery and printing must generally be let to the lowest bidder, regardless of where the bidder is located. This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2023 legislature on first consideration, requires that all state contracts for stationery and printing be let to the lowest bidder operating in Wisconsin, if there is such a bidder and unless prohibited by federal law or a treaty or other international agreement.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it becomes effective.

3 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:**

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 25 of article IV of the constitution is amended to read:

5 [Article IV] Section 25. The legislature shall provide by law that all stationery
6 required for the use of the state, and all printing authorized and required by them
7 to be done for their use, or for the state, shall be let by contract to the lowest bidder
8 operating in this state, if there is such a bidder and unless prohibited by federal law

1 or a treaty or other international agreement, but the legislature may establish a
2 maximum price; no member of the legislature or other state officer shall be
3 interested, either directly or indirectly, in any such contract.

4 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the
5 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three
6 months previous to the time of holding such election.

7 (END)