

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 720**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hall**

February 17, 2011

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An act to amend Section 22032 of, and to repeal Section 22031 of, the Public Contract Code, relating to public contracts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 720, as introduced, Hall. Public contracts: uniform construction cost accounting provisions: alternative procedures.

Existing law establishes procedures for local public agencies to follow when engaged in public works projects, and authorizes agencies to elect to become subject to uniform construction cost accounting provisions. Existing law specifies that a board of supervisors or a county road commissioner is not prohibited by those provisions from utilizing, as an alternative, other procedures governing county highway contracts.

This bill would repeal the above provision that specifies that a board of supervisors or a county road commissioner is not prohibited from using alternative procedures governing county highway contracts.

Existing law authorizes public projects of \$30,000 or less to be performed by the employees of the public agency by force account, negotiated contract, or purchase order.

This bill would increase that authorization to \$45,000.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 22031 of the Public Contract Code is  
2 repealed.

3 ~~22031. Nothing in this article shall prohibit a board of~~  
4 ~~supervisors or a county road commissioner from utilizing, as an~~  
5 ~~alternative to the procedures set forth in this article, the procedures~~  
6 ~~set forth in Article 25 (commencing with Section 20390) of Chapter~~  
7 ~~4.~~

8 SEC. 2. Section 22032 of the Public Contract Code is amended  
9 to read:

10 22032. (a) Public projects of ~~thirty forty-five~~ thousand dollars  
11 ~~(\$30,000) (\$45,000)~~ or less may be performed by the employees  
12 of a public agency by force account, by negotiated contract, or by  
13 purchase order.

14 (b) Public projects of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars  
15 (\$125,000) or less may be let to contract by informal procedures  
16 as set forth in this article.

17 (c) Public projects of more than one hundred twenty-five  
18 thousand dollars (\$125,000) shall, except as otherwise provided  
19 in this article, be let to contract by formal bidding procedure.