

ORDINANCE #65711
Board Bill No. 52

An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis increase the amount of articles which may be purchased from five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) under any one contract, with the written approval of the comptroller, without advertising, requiring the solicitation of competitive bids, by amending existing Section 29 of Article XV; providing for an election to be held therefor and the manner of voting thereat; and containing an emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. The following amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby proposed and submitted to the voters of the City of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinafter provided.

The said amendment is in words and figures as follows:

Section 29 of Article XV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby amended to read as follows:

Supplies, equipment, and materials for all departments, boards or officers, exclusive of material for public work or improvements, shall be purchased or leased only through the Supply Division, according to such standards and specifications, if any, adopted or prepared by the Board of Standardization, and by advertising for proposals therefore. Bids may be for one or more or all the articles advertised for, but there shall be a specific bid on each article. The award may be made to the lowest bidder for any article or to the lowest bidder for the entire requisition or any part thereof; but the Board of Standardization may reject any or all bids or any part of any bid. The Supply Commissioner may contract for supplies, equipment and material in any amounts or for any periods as may be approved by the Board of Standardization, and subject to the provisions of this Charter. In cases of emergency, to be determined by said board, purchases or leases may be made without advertising. Purchases or leases in amounts not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) under any one contract may be also made, with the written approval of the Comptroller, without advertising, after securing competitive bids, but there shall be no division of requisitions or contracts for the purpose of securing this privilege. The Supply Commissioner shall inspect and receipt for all supplies, equipment and material.

Supplies, equipment or material shall not be ordered or contracted for by the Supply Division unless the Comptroller shall certify that a fund is applicable for payment thereof.

SECTION TWO. The foregoing proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis at the next scheduled Municipal or State General Election, and if said proposed amendment shall receive in its favor the votes of three-fifths of the qualified voters voting at such election for or against said proposed amendment such amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of the City of St. Louis from the date of said election. Qualified voters of the City of St. Louis may at the election aforesaid vote a ballot substantially in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instructions to voters:

To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place an "X" in the square opposite the word "Yes" and to vote against any proposition submitted upon this ballot, place an "X" in the square opposite the word "No."

The amendment shall appear on the ballot substantially, as follows:

Yes _____
No _____

Amendment to the City Charter

Proposition to amend the Charter of the City of St. Louis by amending Section 29 of Article XV to authorize purchases in amounts not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) under

on contract, with the written approval of the Comptroller, without advertising, requiring the solicitation of competitive bids.

SECTION THREE. The Board of Election Commissioners shall provide the ballots or voting machines or both and conduct the election and shall ascertain and certify the result thereof according to the law.

If voting machines are used, the aforesaid "OFFICIAL BALLOT" shall be placed or posted on the said voting machines wherever said machines are used under the direction of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis and according to law.

SECTION FOUR. Upon the approval of this Ordinance, it shall be published in the City Journal, the official publication of the City of St. Louis, Missouri. Proof of the publication of this Ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register, and such affidavit shall be filed in the office of the City Register and a copy of such publication shall be attached thereto.

SECTION FIVE. This being an ordinance calling for an election for submission to the people of an amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor pursuant to Article IV Sections 19 and 20 of the Charter.

Approved: December 10, 2002