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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if the estimated cost of a public contract is between \$5,000 and \$25,000, a town, village, city, or county must solicit bids via a class 1 (single publication) notice in its official newspaper.

Under the bill, if the estimated cost of a public contract is between \$5,000 and \$25,000, a town, village, city, or county would be permitted to solicit bids via a posting on its internet Web site if the posting is available via a link with the entity's home page. In addition, a town, village, city, or county would be permitted to exclusively seek bids via postings on its Web site if it publishes a class 1 notice of this fact in its official newspaper at least two times a year.

To the extent that affected governmental entities choose to post bid notices on their Web sites instead of publishing them in the official newspaper, costs of soliciting bids may be reduced. Information of the cost of publishing notices is not separately reported in the financial reports counties and municipalities file with the Department of Revenue. Therefore, it is not possible to reasonably estimate the potential cost savings the bill could engender.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications