



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB4512

Introduced 1/26/2026, by Rep. Debbie Meyers-Martin

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 810/14  
70 ILCS 2105/16

from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6417  
from Ch. 42, par. 399

Amends the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act and the River Conservancy Districts Act. Makes changes to the competitive bidding thresholds for contracts entered into by River Conservancy Districts or the Cook County Forest Preserve District for supplies, materials, or work. Changes the bid threshold to \$60,000 for contracts related to supplies or materials, \$30,000 for contracts involving work, or a lower amount for any contract for supplies, materials, or work, if required by board policy. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Cook County Forest Preserve District Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 14 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 810/14) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6417)

7 Sec. 14. The board, as corporate authority of a forest  
8 preserve district, shall have power to pass and enforce all  
9 necessary ordinances, rules and regulations for the management  
10 of the property and conduct of the business of such district.  
11 The president of such board shall have power to appoint a  
12 secretary and an assistant secretary, and treasurer and an  
13 assistant treasurer and such other officers and such employees  
14 as may be necessary, all of whom, excepting the treasurer and  
15 attorneys, shall be under civil service rules and regulations,  
16 as provided in Section 17 of this Act. The assistant secretary  
17 and assistant treasurer shall perform the duties of the  
18 secretary and treasurer, respectively, in case of death of  
19 said officers or when said officers are unable to perform the  
20 duties of their respective offices because of absence or  
21 inability to act. All contracts for supplies, material, or  
22 work involving an expenditure by forest preserve districts in  
23 excess of \$60,000 for supplies or materials, \$30,000 for work,

1 or a lower amount for any contract for supplies, materials, or  
2 work, if required by board policy, shall be let to the lowest  
3 responsible bidder, after due advertisement, excepting work  
4 requiring personal confidence or necessary supplies under the  
5 control of monopolies, where competitive bidding is  
6 impossible, or as otherwise provided in the Forest Preserve  
7 District and Conservation District Design-Build Authorization  
8 Act. Contracts for supplies, material or work involving an  
9 expenditure of \$30,000 or less may be let without advertising  
10 for bids, but whenever practicable, at least 3 competitive  
11 bids shall be obtained before letting such contract.  
12 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, a forest  
13 preserve district may establish procedures to comply with  
14 State and federal regulations concerning affirmative action  
15 and the use of small businesses or businesses owned by  
16 minorities or women in construction and procurement contracts.  
17 All contracts for supplies, material or work shall be signed  
18 by the president of the board or by any such other officer as  
19 the board in its discretion may designate.

20 Salaries of employees shall be fixed by ordinance.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-460, eff. 6-1-22.)

22 Section 10. The River Conservancy Districts Act is amended  
23 by changing Section 16 as follows:

24 (70 ILCS 2105/16) (from Ch. 42, par. 399)

1           Sec. 16. All contracts for supplies, materials, or work  
2 other than professional services, to be done by such  
3 conservancy district, the expense of which will exceed \$60,000  
4 for supplies or materials and \$30,000 for work other than  
5 professional services, or a lower amount for any contract for  
6 supplies, materials, or work, if required by board policy,  
7 ~~\$10,000,~~ shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder  
8 therefor upon not less than thirty days' public notice of the  
9 terms and conditions upon which the contract is to be let,  
10 having been given by publication in a newspaper of general  
11 circulation published in said district, and the said board  
12 shall have the power and authority to reject any and all bids,  
13 and readvertise.

14           And in all other respects such contract shall be entered  
15 into and the performance thereof controlled by the provisions  
16 of an Act entitled "An Act concerning local improvements,"  
17 approved June 14, 1897, in force July 1, 1897, and amendments  
18 thereto as nearly as may be; provided, that contracts may be  
19 let for making proper and suitable connections between the  
20 mains and outlets of the respective sewers in said district,  
21 with any conduits, main pipe or pipes that may be constructed  
22 by such conservancy district.

23           (Source: P.A. 101-241, eff. 8-9-19.)

24           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.