



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 27**

January Session, 2025

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1184

*Senate, March 3, 2025*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. RAHMAN of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD FOR SEALED BIDDING ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7-148v of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any municipal charter or any  
5 special act to the contrary, any municipality may, by ordinance,  
6 establish requirements for competitive bidding for the award of any  
7 contract or the purchase of any real or personal property by the  
8 municipality. Such ordinance may provide that, except as otherwise  
9 required by any provision of the general statutes, sealed bidding shall  
10 not be required for contracts or purchases having a value less than or  
11 equal to an amount established in the ordinance, which amount shall  
12 not be greater than [twenty-five] thirty-five thousand dollars. Nothing  
13 in this section shall be deemed to invalidate any ordinance enacted by a

14 municipality prior to October 1, 1989. Nothing in this section and no  
15 ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall be construed to limit  
16 the ability of a municipality to enter into a contract pursuant to section  
17 4a-53a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	7-148v(a)
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**PD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
All Municipalities	Savings	Potential	Potential

### **Explanation**

The bill permits municipalities to increase the threshold for sealed bidding for the award of any contract or the purchase of any real or personal property by the municipality from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

There are potential savings to municipalities associated with reduced administrative and advertising costs resulting from fewer contracts and purchases requiring sealed bidding. The savings depend upon the contracting process of a municipality. For example, municipalities that advertise formal sealed bids would realize reduced marketing costs.

### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1184*****AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD FOR SEALED BIDDING  
ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill increases, from \$25,000 to \$35,000, the maximum value of contracts or purchases that a municipality may exempt, by ordinance, from its sealed bidding requirements.

By law, municipalities may adopt ordinances establishing competitive bidding requirements for awarding contracts or buying real or personal property, regardless of their charters or special acts. These ordinances may exempt contracts or purchases valued at less than a specified amount from sealed bidding requirements, except when the statutes require sealed bids.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18    Nay 0    (02/14/2025)