99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1745

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/5-1133.1 new

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that county contracts may be awarded as a sole source procurement unless an interested party submits a written request for a public hearing. Provides that contracts for professional or artistic services cannot be amended through use of sole source procurements if the result would increase in the amount paid under the contract of more than 5% of the initial award, or would extend the contract term beyond the time reasonably needed for a competitive procurement, not to exceed 2 months. Further provides for notice requirements and requires the county board to file a yearly report with the General Assembly concerning procurement contracts entered into. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section
5-1133.1 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1133.1 new)

7 <u>Sec. 5-1133.1. Sole source procurements.</u>

8 (a) In accordance with standards set by ordinance, 9 contracts may be awarded without use of the specified method of 10 source selection when there is only one economically feasible source for the item. A county contract may be awarded as a sole 11 12 source procurement unless an interested party submits a written request for a public hearing at which the purchasing agency 13 14 presents written justification for the procurement method. Any interested party may present testimony. A sole source contract 15 where a hearing was requested by an interested party may be 16 17 awarded after the hearing is conducted with the approval of the county board. 18 19 (b) This Section may not be used as a basis for amending a

20 <u>contract for professional or artistic services if the amendment</u> 21 <u>would result in an increase in the amount paid under the</u> 22 <u>contract of more than 5% of the initial award, or would extend</u> 23 <u>the contract term beyond the time reasonably needed for a</u>

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competitive procurement, not to exceed 2 months. 1 2 (c) Notice of intent to enter into a sole source contract 3 shall be provided to the public and published on the county's 4 website at least 14 calendar days before the public hearing 5 required in subsection (a). The notice shall include the sole 6 source procurement justification form prescribed by the county 7 board, a description of the item to be procured, the intended sole source contractor, and the date, time, and location of the 8 9 public hearing. 10 (d) By August 1 each year, each county board shall file a

11 report with the General Assembly identifying each contract the 12 officer sought under the sole source procurement method and 13 providing the justification given for seeking sole source as 14 the procurement method for each of those contracts.

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