AN ACT

CONCERNING DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES IN AWARDING PRINTING CONTRACTS FOR THE OFFICIAL SET OF COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 2-5-105, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1980 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

2-5-105. Publication contract - legislative declaration. (1) (a) Consistent with the requirement of section 8 of article XVIII of the state constitution that the general assembly provide for the publication of the laws passed at each session, the state acknowledges its obligation to provide official sets of statutes that are reasonably priced, accurate, and easy to use. In fulfillment of this obligation, the general assembly provides for distribution of statutes to state and local government agencies and the courts, without charge, in accordance with section 2-5-116 and provides for sale of statutes to the public in accordance with sections 2-5-111 and 2-5-118.

(b) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(I) This section is enacted to assure that the obligation set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) is met consistent with the requirements of section 29 of article V of the state constitution governing the printing, binding, and distribution of the laws;

(II) An official, hardbound, fully annotated set of statutes that is updated with annual supplements and periodic replacement volumes and that is prepared under the supervision and direction of the committee on legal services of the general assembly meets that obligation; and
(III) On and after December 1, 1992, annual supplements and replacement volumes to the official statutes shall be printed as a continuation of the original enactment of the Colorado Revised Statutes printed in accordance with the provisions of this article and the contract entered into pursuant to said article and shall continue to be printed in substantially the same format and printing specifications as said statutes.

(2) On and after December 1, 1992, the work of the printing, binding, and packaging of replacement volumes and cumulative supplements for and publications ancillary to Colorado Revised Statutes, originally entitled Colorado Revised Statutes 1973, and other similar operations precedent to the distribution thereof when published shall be performed pursuant to a contract or contracts bid and entered into in the manner directed by the committee on legal services in accordance with this section. Such contract or contracts shall be bid by employing standard bidding practices including, but not limited to, the use of requests for information, requests for proposals, or any other standard vendor selection practices determined by the committee to be best suited to selecting an appropriate printing contractor. The state purchasing director shall provide such technical advice and assistance regarding bidding procedures as deemed necessary by the committee.

(3) (a) It is the intent of the general assembly that the work of printing, binding, and packaging of replacement volumes and cumulative supplements for and publications ancillary to Colorado Revised Statutes be submitted to bid and any contract or contracts be awarded by the committee on legal services at least one year prior to the expiration of the current printing contract on December 31, 1992. Subsequent contracts for the work of printing, binding, packaging, and distribution shall be rebid at the direction of the committee on legal services prior to the expiration of a contract or, if an extension is granted, prior to the expiration of the extension period. Subsequent contracts shall be awarded at least six months prior to the expiration of a prior contract or extension period. The committee shall assure that the work is rebid at least every ten years. Such contract or contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders and the determination thereof by the committee shall be final.

(b) The terms and conditions of any contract shall be determined by the committee on legal services, subject to the following:

(I) The term of any contract shall not exceed five years; however, the committee on legal services may extend the term of any such contract for one additional period of not more than five years if it finds that such an extension would be in the public interest; and

(II) Any contract shall contain adequate procedures to allow for verification of actual costs of printing.

(c) The methods and terms of sale of Colorado Revised Statutes to the public, including the public sale price, shall be included in the contract as an alternative provision as provided for in section 2-5-111.
(d) The committee on legal services may authorize such enhancements to or improvements in the replacement volumes and cumulative supplements and publications ancillary to Colorado Revised Statutes as the committee deems appropriate.

(e) In the award of said contract or contracts, the committee on legal services shall take into consideration the policies set forth in the "Unfair Practices Act", article 2 of title 6, C.R.S.

(f) In determining the lowest responsible bidder in the award of said contract or contracts or in determining whether to extend any such contract as provided for in paragraph (b) of this subsection (3), the committee on legal services shall take into consideration the economic, fiscal, and tax impacts of the award or extension on the State of Colorado, its citizens, and its businesses. The information must be provided in writing and shall be verifiable by legal services staff.

(4) In December 1991, the committee on legal services shall report to the general assembly its progress in preparing for bidding, obtaining bids, and entering into any contracts. If the committee has not been able to enter into a contract by December of 1991, such report shall detail the reasons therefor and may contain recommendations for any corrective legislation to be enacted in the 1992 legislative session.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 29, 1993