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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 45-55-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-55 entitled "Award of

2   Municipal Contracts" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3   **45-55-9. Small purchases.**

4   Procurements, not to exceed an aggregate amount of ~~ten thousand dollars ($10,000)~~

5   twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for construction and ~~five thousand dollars ($5,000)~~ ten

6   thousand dollars ($10,000) for all other purchases may be made in accordance with small purchase

7   regulations promulgated by the municipality. These amounts shall be increased or decreased

8   annually hereafter at the same rate as the Boston Regional Consumer Price Index. Procurement

9   requirements shall not be artificially divided so as to constitute a small purchase under this section.

10   A municipality may further reduce the aggregate purchase amount, as provided for in this section

11   by ordinance.

12   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on December 1, 2026.

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would increase the maximum municipal small purchase limits from ten thousand

2   dollars ($10,000) to twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for construction projects and from five

3   thousand dollars ($5,000) to ten thousand dollars ($10,000) for all other municipal purchases.

4   This act would take effect on December 31, 2026.

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