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Overview

This act establishes a procedure for political subdivisions seeking state bond funding for capital projects and establishes criteria for evaluation of such projects.

- 1 Subd. 1. Projects covered.** Provisions of the act apply only to capital improvement projects not covered by another state program of assistance.
Subd. 2. Budget request. Provides that political subdivisions seeking state appropriations for local capital improvement projects are encouraged to submit their preliminary requests to the commissioner of finance by June 15 in the odd-numbered years. Requires final requests to be submitted by November 1. Requires requests filed on time to be forwarded to the legislature in the same manner as agency capital budget requests (due July 1st).
Subd. 3. Evaluation. Provides that the commissioner of finance will evaluate all requests based on the eight criteria identified in the act. Further provides that the commissioner must forward all requests, with the commissioner's evaluation and the governor's recommendation, to the legislature.
Subd. 4. Funding. Provides that if a project covered by this section is funded, the amount of the funding may be no more than one-half of the total project cost. This subdivision does not apply when projects are proposed by school districts, when projects are needed as a result of, or to prevent, a disaster, or when projects are located in political subdivisions with very low average net tax capacities. Further provides that this section does not prevent the governor from recommending or the legislature from funding, projects that do not meet the established deadlines or criteria when a compelling reason exists.
- 1 Requests in 1999.** Provides that 1999 preliminary requests are due by September 15.