



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1016

SENATE BILL NO. 2489

By Briggs, Bailey, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2600

By McKenzie, Whitson, Beck, Towns, Camper, Gloria Johnson, Hazlewood, Thompson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1212, relative to thresholds for competitive sealed bids.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1212, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a county, municipality, utility district, or other local governmental entity having centralized purchasing authority with a full-time purchasing agent may, by resolution or ordinance of its governing body, increase the threshold over which public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals are required to an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for nonemergency, nonproprietary purchases.

(b) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a county, municipality, utility district, or other local governmental entity having non-centralized purchasing authority may, by resolution or ordinance of its governing body, increase the threshold over which public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals are required to an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for nonemergency, nonproprietary purchases.

(c) At least three (3) written quotations are required when possible for purchases costing less than the bid threshold established under subsection (a) or (b), but more than forty percent (40%) of such bid threshold or some lower amount as may be established by the governing body in a resolution. Purchases of like items must be aggregated for purposes of the bid threshold.

(d) For purposes of this section, a "full-time purchasing agent" means a person who devotes the whole of the person's working time to the demands and duties of the office of purchasing agent.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 25, 2022



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th day of May 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR