

HOUSE BILL 2600

By McKenzie

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, counties that have adopted the County Financial Management System of 1981, compiled in title 5, chapter 21 or the County Purchasing Law of 1957, compiled in title 5, chapter 14, part 1; or that are similarly centralized for purchasing under a private act, are deemed to have a full-time purchasing agent.

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