

SENATE BILL 1714

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12,
relative to electronic bidding.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

12-4-___. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, local governments may satisfy any requirement for mailing by distributing invitations to bid, requests for proposals and other solicitations electronically and posting solicitations to the local government's Internet web site. In addition, local governments may receive bids, proposals, and other offers electronically. In order to assure the fullest possible participation of small businesses and minority-owned businesses, state agencies and local governments shall not require such small businesses and minority-owned businesses to receive or respond to invitations to bid, requests for proposals, or other solicitations electronically.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.