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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1220

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY HOW A MUNICIPALITY MAY ACCEPT
COMPETITIVE BIDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO CLARIFY HOW A MUNICIPALITY MAY
ACCEPT COMPETITIVE BIDS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-47-138(a), concerning competitive bidding in a city manager form of government, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Before making ~~any~~ a purchase of or contract for ~~any~~ supplies, materials, or equipment, and before obligating the city under ~~any~~ a contract for the performance of services or for the construction of municipal improvements, ~~where~~ in which the anticipated cost to the city of the transaction exceeds the maximum amount established by the board of directors under the authority of § 14-47-120, opportunity for competitive bidding shall be given under such rules and regulations as the board may prescribe by ordinance, and the contract shall be consummated only on a bid approved by the city manager and by the board.

(2) Competitive bids may be accepted in the form of a written bid or by electronic media.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-58-303(b)(2), concerning purchases and contracts, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(C) Cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and incorporated towns may accept competitive bids in the following forms:



- (i) Written; or
- (ii) Electronic media.

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