

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

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By: Representative Murdock

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW QUORUM COURT MEMBERS TO BID ON COUNTY PROJECTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ALLOW A COUNTY TO PURCHASE GOODS OR SERVICES DIRECTLY FROM QUORUM COURT MEMBERS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW QUORUM COURT MEMBERS TO BID ON COUNTY PROJECTS AND COUNTIES TO PURCHASE GOODS OR SERVICES FROM QUORUM COURT MEMBERS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1202(c)(2), concerning rules of conduct for county government officers and employees, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) If the quorum court determines that it is in the best interest of the county, the quorum court may by ordinance permit the county to purchase goods or services directly or indirectly from quorum court members, county officers, or county employees ~~due to unusual circumstances~~.

(ii) The ordinance permitting the purchases must specifically define the ~~unusual~~ circumstances under which the purchases are allowed and the limitations of the authority.

(B) Any quorum court member having any interest in the goods or services being considered under these procedures shall not be entitled to vote upon the approval of the goods or services.



(C) If goods or services are purchased under these procedures, the county judge must file an affidavit, together with a copy of the voucher and other documents supporting the disbursement, with the county clerk certifying that each disbursement has been made in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance.

/s/Murdock