

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1499

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SALE AND PURCHASE PROCEDURE FOR
PUBLIC PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE SALE AND PURCHASE PROCEDURE
FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(a), concerning the sale procedure for public property, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) *The several state boards or commissions having supervision of the affairs of the charitable, penal, correctional, educational, and other institutions of the State of Arkansas, ~~and all other state boards and commissions, except the State Highway Commission, the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, the Division of Higher Education, and institutions of higher education,~~ and the executive heads of all state offices, departments, divisions, and agencies, all referred to separately as "state agency", may sell or purchase, for cash in hand and upon compliance with the provisions of this section, the lands, in whole or in part, belonging to or under the supervision or control of the respective state agency or belonging to the state and held for the use or benefit of the state agency.*

(B) State agencies may purchase lands, so that the lands, in whole or in part, shall belong to or be under the supervision or control of the respective state agency or belong to the state and be held for the use



or benefit of the state agency.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

- (A) The sale of land by the Commissioner of State Lands;
- (B) The transfer of state lands to political subdivisions of the State of Arkansas;
- (C) The transfer of state lands between state entities; ~~or~~
- (D) The exchange of state lands for other lands which are suitable for state purposes if the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration has made a recommendation to the Governor that the exchange be made and if the Governor has approved the exchange;
- (E) The State Highway Commission;
- (F) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;
- (G) The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission;
- (H) The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission;
- (I) The Division of Higher Education; or
- (J) An institution of higher education.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c)(1), concerning the sale procedure for public property, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) In the event that a state agency elects to sell ~~certain~~ any of its lands or to purchase lands, the state agency shall ~~certify~~ submit its proposal for the sale or purchase of land to the Building Authority Division ~~its proposal for any sale or purchase~~ for approval before obtaining an appraisal of the land.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c)(2)(A), concerning the sale procedure for public property, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) ~~The~~ If a proposal for the sale or purchase of land submitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section is approved by the Building Authority Division, the state agency proposing the sale or purchase of land shall obtain the services of a qualified appraiser to appraise the lands so proposed to be sold or purchased, ~~with notice to the Secretary of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services.~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c), concerning the sale procedure for public property, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as

follows:

(3) A state agency proposing the sale or purchase of land shall submit the appraisal obtained under this section to the Building Authority Division for assessment and recommendation to the Secretary of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(k) and (l), concerning the sale procedure for public property, are amended to read as follows:

(k)(1) Before any state agency may receive donated land, the state agency director shall certify the proposed donation request to the Building Authority Division.

(2) The Secretary of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services shall forward a recommendation to the Governor.

(3) No donation shall be ~~made~~ accepted without approval from the Governor.

(l) Before a state agency purchases real property, the state agency shall consult the ~~Arkansas Buildings & Sites Database maintained by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Building Authority Division to determine if there is a property available for purchase that meets the practical and financial needs and specifications of the state agency.

/s/Ray