

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1560

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By: Senator Caldwell

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC WORKS
CONTRACTS; TO REQUIRE PRICING INFORMATION FOR
LIGHTING COMPONENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC WORKS
CONTRACTS; AND TO REQUIRE PRICING
INFORMATION FOR LIGHTING COMPONENTS FOR
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 22-9-203, concerning the award procedure for contracts for public improvements, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(n)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the state, an agency of the state, a county, a municipality, a school district, or other local taxing unit shall not enter into a contract with a contractor that includes a project designed by an electrical engineering firm unless the design requires allowance for a three-bid specification by three (3) separate lighting agencies.

(2) As used in this subsection, "lighting agency" means an entity that represents one (1) or more lighting manufacturers for sale through electrical distribution houses.

(3) This subsection does not apply to a municipal electric utility.



(4) An architect or an electrical engineer may make an allowance for a specialty fixture to be procured outside of the three-bid requirement under subdivision (n)(1) of this section when circumstances warrant the allowance because of design aesthetics or historical purposes, or both.