

**PRIVATE CHAPTER NO. 53**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2405**

**By Representative Hood**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2391**

**By Senator Tracy**

AN ACT to amend Chapter 421 of the Private Acts of 1943; as amended by Chapter 45 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 102 of the Private Acts of 1989, Chapter 148 of the Private Acts of 1990, Chapter 136 of the Private Acts of 1996, Chapter 22 of the Private Acts of 1999, Chapter 81 of the Private Acts of 2002, and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to Administration and Purchasing in Rutherford County.

WHEREAS, Rutherford County has previously adopted and been acting under its 1943 Purchasing Law as amended; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County desires to further amend the 1943 Purchasing Law and said amendment is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of Rutherford County; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 421 of the Private Acts of 1943, as amended by Chapter 45 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 102 of the Private Acts of 1989, Chapter 148 of the Private Acts of 1990, Chapter 136 of the Private Acts of 1996, Chapter 22 of the Private Acts of 1999, Chapter 81 of the Private Acts of 2002, and all other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 1 and by substituting instead the following:

Purchases or contracts for the purchase of supplies, equipment or material for the use of any official, employee, department or agency of the county government, the estimated value of which exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be executed by the County Executive as purchasing agent only after such agent has advertised for sealed bids in one or more newspapers published in Rutherford County and such other newspaper or newspapers as the agent may deem proper.

SECTION 2. Chapter 421 of the Private Acts of 1943, as amended, is further amended by deleting the first sentence of the fourth paragraph of Section 1 and by substituting instead the following:

Where the estimated fair market value of any materials, supplies or equipment does not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the County Executive in his capacity as purchasing agent is hereby granted the authority to make such purchases and executive contracts for the purchase of said materials, supplies or equipment, without the necessity of newspaper advertisement or taking bids for the purchase of such materials, supplies or equipment.

SECTION 3. In all other respects, the present Chapter 421 of the Private Acts of 1943, as amended, are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-third (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Rutherford County. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified by him/her to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall become effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 4.

**PASSED: June 11, 2007**

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 18th day of June 2007**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR