

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 457

SENATE BILL NO. 831

By Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 702

By Kumar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 56 and Title 12, Chapter 3, relative to local government purchasing bid thresholds.

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

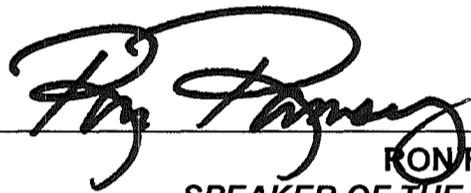
SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Notwithstanding any charter provision, private act, or other law to the contrary, any county, municipality, utility district, or other local governmental entity having centralized purchasing authority with a full-time purchasing agent is authorized, by resolution or ordinance of its governing body, to increase the threshold over which public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals are required to an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for nonemergency, nonproprietary purchases. At least three (3) written quotations shall be required whenever possible for purchases costing less than the bid threshold established for public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals but more than forty percent (40%) of such bid threshold or some lower amount as may be established by the governing body in the resolution. Purchases of like items shall be aggregated for purposes of the bid threshold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 22, 2015

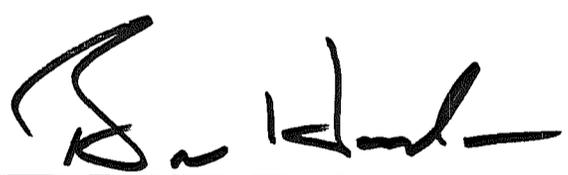


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR