

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ACT 639 OF 1983 [ARK. STAT. 80-552] TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR PURCHASES OF AT LEAST \$5,000.00; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Act 639 of 1983, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-552, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. All purchases of commodities by any school district, except those specifically exempted by Section 3, shall be made as follows:

(A) In each instance in which the estimated purchase price shall equal or exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) the commodity shall be procured by soliciting bids. Provided that the purchasing official may reject all bids and may purchase the commodity by negotiating a contract. If the purchasing official, after rejecting all bids, determines that the purchase should be made by negotiation then each responsible bidder who submitted a bid shall be notified of the determination and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to negotiate.

(B) 'Open Market Purchases' may be made where the purchase price is less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(C) No purchasing official shall parcel or split any item or items, with the intent or purpose to enable the purchase to be made under a less restrictive procedure."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: February 19, 1987
