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# A Bill

ACT 872 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1044

4 By: Representatives Curran, Hall, Wilkerson, Simmons, and Johnson

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 19-11-206 TO DEFINE RURAL  
9 FIRE DISTRICTS AND RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS AS LOCAL  
10 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT UNITS TO AUTHORIZE THEM TO MAKE  
11 COOPERATIVE PURCHASES UNDER THE ARKANSAS PURCHASING LAW;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-11-206 is amended to read as follows:

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"19-11-206. Definitions concerning intergovernmental relations.

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As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

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(1) State public procurement unit means the Office of State Purchasing

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and any other purchasing agency of this state;

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(2) Local public procurement unit means any county, city, town, state

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agency, and any other subdivision of the state or public agency thereof; any

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fire protection district; regional water distribution district; rural

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development authority; any public authority; any public educational, health,

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or other institution; any nonprofit corporation during such time that it

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contracts with the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services of the

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Arkansas Department of Human Services to provide services to the

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developmentally disabled, provided such contract exceeds seventy-five thousand

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dollars (\$75,000) per year; any nonprofit corporation providing fire

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protection services to a rural area or providing drinking water to the public

1 in a rural area; and, to the extent not prohibited by law, any other entity  
2 which expends public funds for the acquisition or leasing of commodities and  
3 services;

4 (3) Public procurement unit means either a local public procurement  
5 unit or a state public procurement unit;

6 (4) External procurement activity means any buying organization not  
7 located in this state which, if located in this state, would qualify as a  
8 public procurement unit. An agency of the federal government is an external  
9 procurement activity; and

10 (5) Cooperative purchasing means procurement conducted by, or on  
11 behalf of, more than one (1) public procurement unit or by a public  
12 procurement unit with an external procurement activity."

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14 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
15 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
16 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
20 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
21 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
22 act are declared to be severable.

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24 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
25 hereby repealed.

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