A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY HOW A MUNICIPALITY MAY ACCEPT
COMPETITIVE BIDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO CLARIFY HOW A MUNICIPALITY MAY
ACCEPT COMPETITIVE BIDS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-47-138(a), concerning competitive bidding in a city manager form of government, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Before making any a purchase of or contract for any supplies, materials, or equipment, and before obligating the city under any a contract for the performance of services or for the construction of municipal improvements, where in which the anticipated cost to the city of the transaction exceeds the maximum amount established by the board of directors under the authority of § 14-47-120, opportunity for competitive bidding shall be given under such rules and regulations as the board may prescribe by ordinance, and the contract shall be consummated only on a bid approved by the city manager and by the board.

(2) Competitive bids may be accepted in the form of a written bid or by electronic media.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-58-303(b)(2), concerning purchases and contracts, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(C) Cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and incorporated towns may accept competitive bids in the following forms:
(i) Written; or
(ii) Electronic media.

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