

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS STATUTE 80-1909 TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SHALL NOT BE INTERESTED IN ANY CONTRACT OR PURCHASE BY THE DISTRICT IF THE CONTRACT OR PURCHASE IS IN EXCESS OF \$500.00; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 433 of 1949, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-1909, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any member of the school board of any district to be interested directly or indirectly in any contract or purchase made by the district of which he is a director if the contract or purchase is for an amount in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Provided, such prohibition shall not apply to contracts for materials bought on open competitive bid and let to the lowest bidder."

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that present law prohibits school board directors from being interested in any contract or purchase made by the district in an amount in excess of \$100.00; that the \$100.00 limitation is unreasonably low; that this Act raises the \$100.00 limitation to a more reasonable \$500.00 limitation; that such increase should occur immediately in order to avoid unreasonable burdens on both the school board directors and the school districts. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: February 19, 1987
