

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1995**  
4 **By: Representative Vess**

# A Bill

**ACT 812 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 1665**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 14-58-303 TO INCREASE THE  
9 MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF MUNICIPAL PURCHASES BEFORE BIDS ARE  
10 REQUIRED TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) AND TO CLARIFY  
11 THE AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR TO MAKE MUNICIPAL PURCHASES;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

15 "TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF  
16 MUNICIPAL PURCHASES BEFORE BIDS ARE  
17 REQUIRED TO \$10,000 AND TO CLARIFY THE  
18 AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR TO MAKE CITY  
19 PURCHASES."

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-58-303 is amended to read as follows:

24 "14-58-303. Purchases and contracts generally.

25 (a) In a city of the first class, the mayor or his duly authorized  
26 representative shall have exclusive power and responsibility to make purchases  
27 of all supplies, apparatus, equipment, materials, and other things requisite  
28 for public purposes in and for the city and to make all necessary contracts  
29 for work or labor to be done or material or other necessary things to be  
30 furnished for the benefit of the city, or in carrying out any work or  
31 undertaking of a public nature therein.

32 (b) (1) The municipal governing body shall provide, by ordinance, the  
33 procedure for making all purchases which do not exceed the sum of ten thousand  
34 dollars (\$10,000).

35 (2) (A) (i) Where the amount of expenditure for any purpose or  
36 contract exceeds the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the mayor or his

1 duly authorized representative shall invite competitive bidding thereon by  
2 legal advertisement in any local newspaper.

3 (ii) Bids received pursuant to the advertisement  
4 shall be opened and read on the date set for receiving the bids in the  
5 presence of the mayor or his duly authorized representative.

6 (iii) The mayor or his duly authorized representative  
7 shall have exclusive power to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder,  
8 but may reject any and all bids received.

9 (B) The governing body, by ordinance, may waive the  
10 requirements of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where this  
11 procedure is deemed not feasible or practical."

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

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

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

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