

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
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*As Engrossed: H2/12/15*  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1278

5 By: Representative Sabin  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT LAWS CONCERNING THE  
9 EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR OFFERORS AND BIDDERS; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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13 **Subtitle**

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15 THE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR OFFERORS AND  
16 BIDDERS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2, is  
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 19-11-267. Experience requirement.

24 (a)(1) The General Assembly finds that:

25 (A) Invitations for bids and requests for proposals and  
26 qualifications often require that bidders and offerors have a certain amount  
27 of experience to qualify;

28 (B) These experience requirements often apply to the  
29 business of the bidder or offeror rather than the key personnel of the bidder  
30 or offeror;

31 (C) As a result, new businesses with highly qualified  
32 personnel often do not qualify to compete for state contracts even though the  
33 executives and employees of the business have the experience required; and

34 (D) It is in the best interests of the state to encourage  
35 new businesses and to seek out the most qualified people to provide products  
36 and services to the state.



