

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 752

By: Stewart of the Senate

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4 Boles of the House

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6 An Act relating to county purchasing; amending 19
7 O.S. 2021, Section 1500.1, which relates to the
8 authority of county purchasing agents; authorizing
9 county purchasing agents to establish online bidding
process with certain vendors; updating statutory
language; providing an effective date; and declaring
an emergency.

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 1500.1, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1500.1. A. Except as otherwise provided by Section
16 1500 et seq. of this title, the county purchasing agent shall have
17 the authority to develop, implement, and promote policies and
18 procedures that allow the procurement of materials and equipment
19 through contracts that are flexible, value based and are in the best
20 interests of the state and its political subdivisions.

21 B. Except as otherwise provided, the county purchasing agent
22 shall have the authority to use electronic commerce for the
23 solicitation, notification, and other purchasing processes. For
24 purposes of this subsection, "electronic commerce" means the use of

1 electronic methods to enable solicitations, open bids, supplier
2 response, bid submission, notice of contract award, county
3 acquisition processes, or any other function to make an acquisition.

4 C. The boards of county commissioners shall have the authority
5 to conduct a procurement transaction by electronic means subject to
6 the provisions of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

7 D. The board of county commissioners shall have the authority
8 to establish an online bidding process with a vendor ~~authorized by~~
9 ~~state contract as provided by the Office of Management and~~
10 ~~Enterprise Services.~~

11 1. The purchasing agent shall comply with all bid notice
12 requirements as prescribed in paragraph 2 of subsection B of Section
13 1505 of this title or the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974.

14 2. Solicitations shall designate an opening and closing date
15 and time for bids. Sealed bids received pursuant to this subsection
16 shall be first opened in an open meeting of the board of county
17 commissioners concurrently with other sealed bids received as
18 provided in Section 1505 of this title or the Public Competitive
19 Bidding Act of 1974.

20 3. The board of county commissioners shall be authorized to
21 require online bidders to register before the opening date and time
22 and, as part of that registration, require bidders to agree to any
23 terms, conditions, or other requirements of the solicitation or
24 applicable acts.

4. The board of county commissioners shall be authorized to require potential online bidders to prequalify as bidders. Solicitations and published bid notices shall indicate the prequalification requirements for online bids. Bids submitted by online bidders not meeting a prequalification requirement shall be disqualified from consideration.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 17th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives