

HOUSE BILL 635

By Travis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12,
Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to electronic bidding.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-116, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, local governments shall provide a secure electronic interactive system as an additional option to satisfy any requirement for mailing for invitations to bid, requests for proposals, and other offers electronically. Local governments shall provide the option for vendors to submit bids, proposals, and other offers electronically. Local governments shall be exempt from any expenditure for high-speed internet access, a computer, software, personnel costs, training, or other office equipment directly related to the receipt of bids electronically. Local governments that are currently without access to high-speed internet or a computer shall be exempt from the requirements of this section until such time that access to high-speed internet or a computer becomes available. Additionally, any county with a population of less than eighteen thousand (18,000) or any municipality with a population of less than nine thousand (9,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, is exempt from the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.