

SENATE BILL 359

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12,
Chapter 3, relative to public purchasing.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, Part 10, is amended by adding a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 12-3-10__.

(a) County governments are authorized to adopt local preference purchasing policies in accordance with this section. Such policies shall be adopted by resolution of the county legislative body and shall:

(1) Define "local vendor" and "local area" in a manner that can be easily followed by vendors and administered by purchasing officials;

(2) Provide an opportunity for vendors to identify themselves as local according to established criteria; and

(3) Establish the amount of preference to be given to local vendors, which shall not exceed one percent (1%) when based on price.

(b) Once adopted, the local preference purchasing policy will authorize, but not require, purchasing officials within any office, department, or agency of the county to give preference to local vendors in accordance with the policy.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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