

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4                   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5                   BILL NO. 752

6                   By: Stewart of the Senate

7                   and

8                   Boles of the House

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

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

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

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

1       B. Except as otherwise provided, the county purchasing agent  
2 shall have the authority to use electronic commerce for the  
3 solicitation, notification, and other purchasing processes. For  
4 purposes of this subsection, "electronic commerce" means the use of  
5 electronic methods to enable solicitations, open bids, supplier  
6 response, bid submission, notice of contract award, county  
7 acquisition processes, or any other function to make an acquisition.

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

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

15       1. The purchasing agent shall comply with all bid notice  
16 requirements as prescribed in paragraph 2 of subsection B of Section  
17 1505 of this title or the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974.

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

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

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

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

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

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, dated  
04/23/2025 - DO PASS.