

Senate Bill 120

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th and Jones of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing  
2 authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said  
3 county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act  
4 approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), and an Act approved May 23, 2007  
5 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4073), so as to provide for the manner of purchasing by DeKalb County; to  
6 provide for procedures and limitations; to provide for certain disclosures and publications;  
7 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority  
11 of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county,  
12 approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
13 April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), and an Act approved May 23, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007,  
14 p. 4073), is amended by revising Section 18 as follows:

15 "SECTION 18.

16 Purchases; contracts.

17 (a) The Chief Executive, subject to the approval of the Commission, shall establish rules  
18 to regulate purchasing for all county departments, offices, and agencies of the county  
19 government, with exception of the tax commissioner, clerk of the superior court, district  
20 attorney, and sheriff. Formal sealed bids, after notice of same has been published one time  
21 in the official organ of DeKalb County, must be obtained on all purchases exceeding  
22 \$50,000.00.

23 (b) Except for contracts of employment, the Commission shall authorize all contracts  
24 involving the expenditure of county funds in excess of \$100,000.00.

25 (c) No more than one contract involving the expenditure of county funds during a fiscal  
26 year may be made with any vendor without approval of the Commission.

27 (d) Subdividing a proposed contract which is for an amount above the threshold specified  
28 in subsection (a) or (b) of this section into smaller contracts or subcontracts for the purpose  
29 of avoiding the requirement of subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be prohibited and  
30 such contracts or subcontracts shall be void ab initio.

31 (e) Except for contracts of employment, all contracts for purchase shall be published on  
32 the county website within 30 days of approval of such contracts."

33 **SECTION 2.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.