

House Bill 598

By: Representatives Holcomb of the 81st, Oliver of the 82nd, Jacobs of the 80th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Mitchell of the 88th, and others

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.