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3 By Senators Coleman-Madison, Smitherman, Elliott, Albritton

4 RFD: County and Municipal Government

5 First Read: 13-Jan-26



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4     SYNOPSIS:

5                 Under existing law, governing authorities of  
6     municipalities, counties, and instrumentalities in the  
7     state, prior to expending \$30,000 or more for any  
8     labor, services, work, or for the purchase of  
9     materials, equipment, supplies, or other personal  
10    property, must enter into the contractual agreement by  
11    free and open competitive bidding, on sealed bids, to  
12    the lowest responsible bidder.

13                 This bill would establish a limited exemption  
14    from the competitive bidding requirements for  
15    expenditures of less than \$15,000 for the repair of  
16    vehicles by local awarding authorities in the state.

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19                 A BILL

20                 TO BE ENTITLED

21                 AN ACT

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23                 Relating to competitive bidding; adding Section  
24    41-16-52.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to exempt certain  
25    awarding authorities from competitive bidding requirements for  
26    repairs of vehicles under certain circumstances.

27    BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

28                 Section 1. Section 41-16-52.1 is added to the Code of



29 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

30                   \$41-16-52.1

31                   (a) For purposes of this section, the term "awarding  
32 authority" means any county commission, governing body of a  
33 municipality, or an instrumentality of a county or  
34 municipality, including a waterworks board, a sewer board, a  
35 gas board, and other like utility boards and commissions.

36                   (b) All expenditures of funds, made by or on the behalf  
37 of any awarding authority, for repair parts and the repair of  
38 vehicles shall be made at the option of the awarding authority  
39 without regard to this article when the following conditions  
40 are met:

41                   (1) The vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of  
42 12,000 pounds or less.

43                   (2) The incident of repair does not involve more than  
44 fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

45                   (3) The awarding authority solicits and documents price  
46 estimates from at least two different vendors prior to  
47 awarding the contract.

48                   (c) The exemption provided under this section shall  
49 apply to each vehicle repaired, and the exempted expenditure  
50 shall not be aggregated with the expenditures of any other  
51 incidents of repair.

52                   (d) (1) The option provided by subsection (b) may be  
53 exercised by the awarding authority by specific reference to  
54 this section on any purchase orders and purchase commitments  
55 executed by the awarding authority.

56                   (2) The option shall not be exercised by any employee,

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57 agent, or servant unless done so after having received  
58 official prior approval of the respective awarding authority  
59 or unless exercised pursuant to a formal policy adopted by the  
60 awarding authority setting out conditions and restrictions  
61 under which the option shall be exercised.

62                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
63 1, 2026.