

By: Representatives Byrd, Faulkner

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 494

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 31-7-103 AND 31-7-119, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE FROM ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
3 TO TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT THAT AN ITEM OR SERVICE
4 PURCHASED BY A COUNTY SHALL NOT REQUIRE A REQUISITION TO PURCHASE,
5 PURCHASE ORDER OR A RECEIVING REPORT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 31-7-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 31-7-103. The purchase clerk shall be responsible as
10 hereinafter provided for the purchase and acquisition of all
11 equipment, heavy equipment, machinery, supplies, commodities,
12 materials and services to be acquired for the county from
13 successful bidders or other vendors, as authorized by law. The
14 central purchase system shall comply with the requirements
15 prescribed by the State Department of Audit under the authority of
16 Section 7-7-211 and in accordance with Section 31-7-113, and the
17 purchase clerk shall be responsible for the maintenance of such
18 system. No requisition to purchase, purchase order or receiving
19 report shall be required for the purchase of any item or services



with an acquisition cost of not more than * * * Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in the aggregate; however, the invoice for every such purchase shall be signed by the department head or his or her designee, or a receipt signed by the person making the purchase shall be attached to the invoice and forwarded to the purchase clerk. No claim based on any such purchase shall be approved except after compliance with the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 31-7-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-119. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, neither the board of supervisors nor any member thereof shall individually purchase, order or receive any equipment, heavy equipment, machinery, supplies, commodities, materials or services for the use or benefit of the county.

(2) In any county in which the board of supervisors is not required to operate on a countywide system of road administration, the prohibition as provided in subsection (1) of this section shall not apply (a) to purchases of not more than * * * Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in the aggregate; or (b) to the purchase of parts or repair services in emergency situations, which purchases are exempt from bid requirements pursuant to Section 31-7-13(m)(ii) and (iii) * * *. Any supervisor who purchases any item or services in accordance with this subsection (2) shall sign the invoice or receipt and forward it to the



45 purchase clerk in the manner provided by Section 31-7-103. No
46 claim based on any such purchase shall be approved unless the
47 purchase was made in compliance with the provisions of this
48 subsection.

49 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
50 and after July 1, 2020.

