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**H 1169. AMEND LOCAL GOV'T PURCHASING LAWS. AMENDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING LAWS UNDER THE LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS AND THE SALE OF PROPERTY FOR CITIES AND TOWNS.** Amends GS 143-129 to increase the formal bid threshold for purchase contracts from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Authorizes use of electronic advertisement at the option of the local government. Requires notice and governing board action if electronic advertisement is used instead of newspaper advertisement. Clarifies minimum time for advertisement of bid opportunities. Specifies that bids may be rejected for any reason determined by governing board to be in the best interest of the unit. Eliminates requirement that bids be recorded in the board minutes. Specifies that negotiation option when bids exceed the funds available applies to purchase as well as construction contracts. Eliminates bid bond, performance, and payment bond requirement for purchase contracts in the formal bidding range. Reorganizes formal bid statute so that all exemptions are listed in GS 143-129(e); adds new exemptions for used items and for purchases from state contracts where the same prices, terms, and conditions are extended to the local government; and expands group purchasing exception to apply to any political subdivision (was only hospitals). Amends GS 143-129.1 to specify that withdrawal procedures apply to purchase as well as construction contracts. Authorizes local governments to extend the period within which a bidder must request withdrawal (currently 72 hours). Creates GS 143-129.8 establishing a request for proposal procedure for information technology goods and services. Amends GS 160A-266 to specify that a local government may discard property that has no value, that remains unsold after completion of a sale procedure, or that poses a potential threat to public health or safety. Amends GS 160A-270 to authorize electronic auctions of surplus property. Makes other technical changes.

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