

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC PURCHASING; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE
PROCUREMENT CODE; MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF LOCAL PUBLIC
BODIES AND OF EXEMPT MINOR PURCHASES; EXEMPTING CERTAIN
LITIGATION EXPENSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 13-1-67 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,
Chapter 65, Section 40) is amended to read:

"13-1-67. DEFINITION--LOCAL PUBLIC BODY.--"Local
public body" means every political subdivision of the state
and the agencies, instrumentalities and institutions thereof,
including two-year post-secondary educational institutions."

Section 2. Section 13-1-98 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,
Chapter 65, Section 71, as amended) is amended to read:

"13-1-98. EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROCUREMENT CODE.--The
provisions of the Procurement Code shall not apply to:

A. procurement of items of tangible personal
property or services by a state agency or a local public body
from a state agency, a local public body or external
procurement unit except as otherwise provided in Sections
13-1-135 through 13-1-137 NMSA 1978;

B. procurement of tangible personal property or
services for the governor's mansion and grounds;

C. printing and duplicating contracts involving

materials which are required to be filed in connection with proceedings before administrative agencies or state or federal courts;

D. purchases of publicly provided or publicly regulated gas, electricity, water, sewer and refuse collection services;

E. purchases of books and periodicals from the publishers or copyright holders thereof;

F. travel or shipping by common carrier or by private conveyance or to meals and lodging;

G. purchase of livestock at auction rings or to the procurement of animals to be used for research and experimentation or exhibit;

H. contracts with businesses for public school transportation services;

I. procurement of tangible personal property or services, as defined by Sections 13-1-87 and 13-1-93 NMSA 1978, by the corrections industries division of the corrections department pursuant to regulations adopted by the corrections commission, which shall be reviewed by the purchasing division of the general services department prior to adoption;

J. minor purchases not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) consisting of magazine subscriptions, conference registration fees and other similar purchases

where prepayments are required;

K. municipalities having adopted home rule charters and having enacted their own purchasing ordinances;

L. the issuance, sale and delivery of public securities pursuant to the applicable authorizing statute, with the exception of bond attorneys and general financial consultants;

M. contracts entered into by a local public body with a private independent contractor for the operation, or provision and operation, of a jail pursuant to Sections 33-3-26 and 33-3-27 NMSA 1978;

N. contracts for maintenance of grounds and facilities at highway rest stops and other employment opportunities, excluding those intended for the direct care and support of persons with handicaps, entered into by state agencies with private, nonprofit, independent contractors who provide services to persons with handicaps;

O. contracts and expenditures for services to be paid or compensated by money or other property transferred to New Mexico law enforcement agencies by the United States department of justice drug enforcement administration;

P. contracts for retirement and other benefits pursuant to Sections 22-11-47 through 22-11-52 NMSA 1978;

Q. contracts with professional entertainers; and

R. contracts and expenditures for litigation

expenses in connection with proceedings before administrative agencies or state or federal courts, including experts, mediators, court reporters, process servers and witness fees, but not including attorney contracts." _____