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## A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1499

By: Representative Ray

By: Senator J. Payton

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SALE AND PURCHASE PROCEDURE FOR  
PUBLIC PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE SALE AND PURCHASE PROCEDURE  
FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(a), concerning the sale procedure  
for public property, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) *The several state boards or commissions having supervision  
of the affairs of the charitable, penal, correctional, educational, and other  
institutions of the State of Arkansas, and all other state boards and  
commissions, except the State Highway Commission, the Arkansas State Game and  
Fish Commission, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the State Parks,  
Recreation, and Travel Commission, the Division of Higher Education, and  
institutions of higher education, and the executive heads of all state  
offices, departments, divisions, and agencies, all referred to separately as  
“state agency”, may sell or purchase, for cash in hand and upon compliance  
with the provisions of this section, the lands, in whole or in part,  
belonging to or under the supervision or control of the respective state  
agency or belonging to the state and held for the use or benefit of the state  
agency.*

(B) State agencies may purchase lands, so that the lands,  
in whole or in part, shall belong to or be under the supervision or control  
of the respective state agency or belong to the state and be held for the use



1 or benefit of the state agency.

2 (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

3 (A) The sale of land by the Commissioner of State Lands;

4 (B) The transfer of state lands to political subdivisions  
5 of the State of Arkansas;

6 (C) The transfer of state lands between state entities; ~~or~~

7 (D) The exchange of state lands for other lands which are  
8 suitable for state purposes if the Secretary of the Department of Finance and  
9 Administration has made a recommendation to the Governor that the exchange be  
10 made and if the Governor has approved the exchange;

11 (E) The State Highway Commission;

12 (F) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

13 (G) The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission;

14 (H) The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission;

15 (I) The Division of Higher Education; or

16 (J) An institution of higher education.

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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c)(1), concerning the sale  
19 procedure for public property, is amended to read as follows:

20 (c)(1) In the event that a state agency elects to sell ~~certain~~ any of  
21 its lands or to purchase lands, the state agency shall ~~certify~~ submit its  
22 proposal for the sale or purchase of land to the Building Authority Division  
23 ~~its proposal for any sale or purchase~~ for approval before obtaining an  
24 appraisal of the land.

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26 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c)(2)(A), concerning the sale  
27 procedure for public property, is amended to read as follows:

28 (2)(A) ~~The~~ If a proposal for the sale or purchase of land  
29 submitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section is approved by the  
30 Building Authority Division, the state agency proposing the sale or purchase  
31 of land shall obtain the services of a qualified appraiser to appraise the  
32 lands so proposed to be sold or purchased, ~~with notice to the Secretary of~~  
33 ~~the Department of Transformation and Shared Services.~~

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35 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c), concerning the sale procedure  
36 for public property, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as

1 follows:

2 (3) A state agency proposing the sale or purchase of land shall  
3 submit the appraisal obtained under this section to the Building Authority  
4 Division for assessment and recommendation to the Secretary of the Department  
5 of Transformation and Shared Services.

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7 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(k) and (l), concerning the sale  
8 procedure for public property, are amended to read as follows:

9 (k)(1) Before any state agency may receive donated land, the state  
10 agency director shall certify the proposed donation request to the Building  
11 Authority Division.

12 (2) The Secretary of the Department of Transformation and Shared  
13 Services shall forward a recommendation to the Governor.

14 (3) No donation shall be ~~made~~ accepted without approval from the  
15 Governor.

16 (l) Before a state agency purchases real property, the state agency  
17 shall consult the ~~Arkansas Buildings & Sites Database maintained by the~~  
18 ~~Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Building Authority Division to  
19 determine if there is a property available for purchase that meets the  
20 practical and financial needs and specifications of the state agency.

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