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# Purchasing-County Clerk

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There are three sets of statutes, and many private acts, concerning purchasing by counties. Therefore, there is little uniformity in purchasing procedures in Tennessee's counties. The three major sets of statutes (general laws) affecting counties are: the County Purchasing Law of 1983, which provides some minimum requirements for general fund purchases for counties in which no local option purchasing law is in effect; the local option County Purchasing Law of 1957; and the local option County Financial Management Act of 1981. Also, in those counties that operate under metropolitan or charter forms of government, the county's purchasing procedures will appear in the metropolitan or county charter.

For additional information, see Purchasing.

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