

March 4, 1959.

Honorable W. P. Barkley
Member House of Representatives
Twenty-fourth Legislature
State Capitol Building
Phoenix, Arizona

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ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Mr. Barkley:

You have requested the Attorney General to render an opinion upon the necessity of a governing body or head of a state institution to advertise for bids for purchases of materials and supplies for such an institution.

Laws of 1919, Chapter 64, created a board of directors of state institutions composed of the Governor, the State Treasurer and one elector of the state. That board was vested with control over state institutions, including the State Hospital and the State Prison. Laws of 1919, Chapter 64, vested the board of directors of state institutions with authority to appoint a purchasing agent who, under rules and regulations of the board, purchased all supplies for the institutions named in Laws of 1919, Chapter 64. Purchases exceeding \$500.00 could be awarded to lowest responsible bidder after advertising for bids.

Laws of 1919, Chapter 64, was repealed by Laws of 1943, Chapter 86, and from that date no law has been enacted requiring the advertising for bids for purchases for the State Hospital, industrial schools, the Arizona Pioneers' Home, the State Prison and Prison Farm, the Capitol Building and grounds, and other reformatory or penal institutions.

The law in some instances does require purchases upon competitive bidding involving counties, towns, cities

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and other political subdivisions of the state, but with respect to the institutions above named, there is now no such requirement.

Respectfully yours,

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