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**H. B. No. 570**

**Representative Boggs**

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**A BILL**

To allow a county to purchase public health-related 1  
items and communication equipment without 2  
competitive bidding, solicit bids 3  
electronically, and open bids during a meeting 4  
held electronically during the period of the 5  
emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, 6  
issued on March 9, 2020, and to declare an 7  
emergency. 8

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** Sections 307.86 and 307.861 of the Revised Code 9  
are suspended with respect to purchases for resources and 10  
supplies necessary to public health and communications equipment 11  
during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 12  
2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020. 13

**Section 2.** Divisions (A) and (C) of section 307.87 of the 14  
Revised Code are suspended during the period of the emergency 15  
declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020. 16  
Instead, a county contracting authority as defined in section 17  
307.92 of the Revised Code shall post the notice on the 18

contracting authority's internet web site for at least two weeks 19  
preceding the day of the opening of bids. 20

**Section 3.** During the period of the emergency declared by 21  
Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, a county 22  
contracting authority as defined in section 307.92 of the 23  
Revised Code may open bids under section 307.88 of the Revised 24  
Code during a meeting conducted via teleconference, video 25  
conference, or any other similar electronic technology whereby 26  
the contracting authority and the public attends via 27  
teleconference, video conference, or any other similar 28  
electronic technology. The notice required under section 307.87 29  
of the Revised Code shall indicate the "place where bids will be 30  
opened" is via electronic means and shall indicate how to obtain 31  
access to the teleconference, video conference, or other similar 32  
electronic technology. 33

**Section 4.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 34  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 35  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 36  
allow counties flexibility during the COVID-19 disease outbreak. 37  
Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 38