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**Sub. H. B. No. 87**

**Representatives Stephens, John**

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**A BILL**

To amend section 307.04 of the Revised Code to  
exempt county utility supply contracts entered  
into under a joint purchasing program from the  
10-year maximum period for such contracts and to  
declare an emergency.

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

**Section 1.** That section 307.04 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 307.04.** The board of county commissioners may, at any  
time before or after the completion of any county building,  
award contracts for supplying such building with light, heat, or  
power for any period of time not exceeding ten years, except a  
contract entered into under section 9.48 of the Revised Code may  
exceed ten years. Sections 5705.41 and 5705.44 of the Revised  
Code shall not apply to any such contracts.

**Section 2.** That existing section 307.04 of the Revised  
Code is hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 17  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 18  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is the 19  
10-year contract restriction in statute prevents counties from 20  
obtaining more favorable energy prices on these contracts; the 21  
window for action is quickly closing on opportunities, and delay 22  
could put counties at a competitive disadvantage. Therefore, 23  
this act shall go into immediate effect. 24