

As Introduced

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S. B. No. 20

Senator Hackett

A BILL

To amend section 307.04 of the Revised Code to 1
exempt county utility supply contracts entered 2
into under a joint purchasing program from the 3
10-year maximum period for such contracts and to 4
declare an emergency. 5

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

Section 1. That section 307.04 of the Revised Code be 6
amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 307.04. The board of county commissioners may, at any 8
time before or after the completion of any county building, 9
award contracts for supplying such building with light, heat, or 10
power for any period of time not exceeding ten years, except a 11
contract entered into under section 9.48 of the Revised Code may 12
exceed ten years. Sections 5705.41 and 5705.44 of the Revised 13
Code shall not apply to any such contracts. 14

Section 2. That existing section 307.04 of the Revised 15
Code is hereby repealed. 16

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