

HOUSE BILL NO. 491

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT UNITS TO PURCHASE COOPERATIVELY FROM CERTAIN COOPERATIVE ENTITIES; AMENDING SECTION 18-4-402, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 18-4-402, MCA, is amended to read:

"18-4-402. Cooperative purchasing authorized. The department may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any supplies or services with one or more public procurement units in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants independent of the requirements of part 3. Cooperative purchasing may include purchasing through federal supply schedules of the United States general services administration, joint or multiparty contracts between public procurement units, and open-ended state public procurement unit contracts that are made available to local public procurement units, and competitive contracts established by not-for-profit or nonprofit cooperative entities."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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