

SENATE BILL NO. 45
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE LIMIT ON CONTRACTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, AND LAND SURVEYING SERVICES THAT MAY BE DIRECTLY NEGOTIATED BY A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY; AMENDING SECTION 18-8-212, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 18-8-212, MCA, is amended to read:

"18-8-212. Exception. (1) All agencies securing architectural, engineering, and land surveying services for projects for which the fees are estimated not to exceed ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000 may contract for those professional services by direct negotiation.

(2) ~~No~~ An agency may not separate service contracts or split or break projects for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this part."

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

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