

SENATE BILL NO. 46
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A COUNTY MUST ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN LARGE PURCHASES OR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; AMENDING SECTION 7-5-2301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 7-5-2301, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-5-2301. Competitive, advertised bidding required for certain large purchases or construction contracts. (1) Except as provided in 7-5-2304, a contract ~~must be entered into by a county~~ for the purchase of any vehicle, road machinery or other machinery, apparatus, appliances, equipment, or materials or supplies or the construction, repair, or maintenance of any building, road, or bridge in excess of \$50,000 ~~and~~ may not be entered into by a county governing body without first publishing a notice calling for bids.

(2) The notice must be published as provided in 7-1-2121.

(3) Subject to 7-5-2309, every contract subject to bidding must be let to the lowest and best responsible bidder."

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

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