

SENATE BILL NO. 46
INTRODUCED BY GEBHARDT

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 FOR~~ 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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