

HOUSE BILL NO. 729
INTRODUCED BY H. RASER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ADVERTISING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING THAT A NEWSLETTER OR OTHER PUBLICATION PRODUCED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT CONSIDERED A NEWSPAPER FOR COUNTY ADVERTISING PURPOSES; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-5-2411, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 7-5-2411, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-5-2411. County printing contract. (1) The county commissioners shall contract for all advertising required by law and all printed forms required by the county. The advertising required by law must be awarded to a newspaper that:

- (a) is published in the county;
- (b) has general ~~bona fide and paid~~ circulation ~~with the second-class mailing privilege~~; and
- (c) has been published continuously at least once a week in the county for the 12 months preceding the awarding of the contract.

(2) A newsletter or other document produced or published by the local government unit is not considered a newspaper that has general circulation as provided in subsection (1).

~~(2)~~(3) Contracts for printed forms and materials may be awarded on an annual basis or may be awarded for a specific printing job.

~~(3)~~(4) (a) The county clerk and recorder shall maintain a list of willing bidders for county printing and shall notify the printing establishments on the list of any call for bids.

(b) A printing establishment must be added to the county clerk and recorder's list when the clerk and recorder receives a written request from the printing establishment.

(c) The county clerk and recorder may delete the name of any printing establishment from the list if it has not submitted a bid during the previous 365 days."

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