

AN ACT

To amend section 307.04 of the Revised Code to exempt county utility supply contracts entered into under a joint purchasing program from the 10-year maximum period for such contracts and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 307.04 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 307.04. The board of county commissioners may, at any time before or after the completion of any county building, award contracts for supplying such building with light, heat, or power for any period of time not exceeding ten years, except a contract entered into under section 9.48 of the Revised Code may exceed ten years. Sections 5705.41 and 5705.44 of the Revised Code shall not apply to any such contracts.

SECTION 2. That existing section 307.04 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is the 10-year contract restriction in statute prevents counties from obtaining more favorable energy prices on these contracts; the window for action is quickly closing on opportunities, and delay could put counties at a competitive disadvantage. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the ____ day of _____, A. D. 20 ____.

Secretary of State.

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