

HOUSE BILL NO. 299
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IN THE HOUSE

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| January 21, 1985 | Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government. |
| February 6, 1985 | Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted. Bill printed and placed on members' desks. |
| February 7, 1985 | Second reading, do pass. Considered correctly engrossed. |
| February 8, 1985 | Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate. |

IN THE SENATE

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| February 9, 1985 | Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government. |
| March 11, 1985 | Committee recommend bill be concurrent in. Report adopted. |
| March 13, 1985 | Second reading, concurred in. |
| March 15, 1985 | Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 46; Noes, 2. Returned to House. |

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March 16, 1985

Received from Senate.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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16 printed forms required by the county, at a rate not
17 exceeding that set by the board. The newspaper shall be one
18 that is published in the county and of general bona fide and
19 paid circulation with the second-class mailing privilege and
20 has been published continuously as such at least once a week
21 in the county for the 12 months preceding the awarding of
22 the contract.

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24 operates a commercial printing establishment, the county
25 commissioners shall and in counties of the first class, the

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2 two parts, one of which shall provide for the publication of
3 legal advertising only, such contract being let to a legally
4 qualified newspaper, and the other contract shall provide
5 for all printed forms, materials, and supplies required by
6 the county.

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8 and supplies referred to in subsection (2)(a) or one
9 separated under subsection (2)(b)(c) shall be let:

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12 business in the county for at least 1 year and whose
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14 lowest responsible commercial printing establishment bidder
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18 establishment bidder.

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17 contractor will faithfully perform all of the conditions of
18 said contract in accordance with this part and the terms of
19 such contract.

20 (2) Nothing in this part shall be construed so as to
21 compel the acceptance of unsatisfactory work.

22 (3) Such contract for printing shall extend for a
23 period of not more than 2 years. All Any printing
24 establishments doing business in the county which may
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