

House BILL NO. 136

INTRODUCED BY Ellis
Keenan

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE METHOD OF CONTRACTING FOR COUNTY
5 PRINTING; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-2401, 7-5-2403, 7-5-2404, 7-5-2405, 7-5-2411, AND
6 7-5-2412, MCA."

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

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29 of county commissioners must be mailed to the Montana association of counties and the Montana
30 newspaper association.

(3) The board shall deliver, free of charge, to each board of county commissioners in this state a copy of every schedule of maximum prices adopted by the board within 30 days of its publication, together with a notice of the date fixed by the board when the prices will be effective.

4 (4) The county commissioners shall require each establishment that prints county legal advertising
5 to verify that:

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7 by the board; and

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15 as nearly as possible to the ordinary standards in use in the printing industry. For this purpose, reference
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17 adoption of a standard list for those items not covered by the prices, regulations, or standards published
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28 preceding the awarding of the contract.

(2)(a) The county commissioners may separate the printing contract into two parts, one of which shall provide for the publication of legal advertising only. The legal advertising contract shall be let to a



1 legally qualified newspaper. The other contract shall provide for all printed forms, materials, and supplies
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4 subsection (2)(c) shall be let:

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

4 (3)(2) Such contract for county printing, including county legal advertising, shall
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HOUSE BILL NO. 136
(REFERENCE COPY)
March 21, 1995

1. Page 4, line 2.
Following: "OF"
Strike: "18-2-201"
Insert: "title 18, chapter 1, part 2"

HB 136

HOUSE BILL NO. 136

INTRODUCED BY ELLIS, KEENAN

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

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"7-5-2401. Purpose of part. The purpose of this part is to require PROVIDE:

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county legal advertising FOR THE PURCHASE OF COUNTY PRINTING CONTRACTS FOR PRINTED
S AND MATERIALS."

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governor or requested by a majority of the board members."

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1 newspaper association.

2 (3) The board shall deliver, free of charge, to each board of county commissioners in this state a
3 copy of every schedule of maximum prices adopted by the board within 30 days of its publication, together
4 with a notice of the date fixed by the board when the prices will be effective.

5 (4) The county commissioners shall require each establishment that prints county legal advertising
6 to verify that:

7 (a) the legal advertisement was published on the dates ordered by the county and in the style set
8 by the board; and

9 (b) the price was not in excess of the maximum price set by the board.

10 (5) The board may not establish maximum prices for printed county forms."

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12 Section 4. Section 7-5-2405, MCA, is amended to read:

13 "**7-5-2405. Adoption of printing standards.** The board shall adopt necessary standards for sizes,
14 weights, and grades of paper stock, which shall conform to the uniform scale of sizes, weights, and grades
15 used by paper manufacturers, and for sizes and types of printing, ruling, and binding, which shall conform
16 as nearly as possible to the ordinary standards in use in the printing industry. For this purpose, reference
17 may be made to established standards or publications used in this state, and the board may provide for the
18 adoption of a standard list for those items not covered by the prices, regulations, or standards published
19 by the board typeface, type size, type style, and type leading for county legal advertising."

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22 "**7-5-2411. County printing contract.** (1) The county commissioners shall contract for all the
23 printing for the county, including advertising required by law and all printed forms required by the county,
24 at a rate not exceeding that set by the board. The advertising required by law shall must be awarded to
25 a newspaper that:

26 (a) is published in the county;

27 (b) has general bona fide and paid circulation with the second-class mailing privilege; and

28 (c) has been published continuously for at least once a week in the county for the 12 months
29 preceding the awarding of the contract.

30 (2) (a) The county commissioners may separate the printing contract into two parts, one of which

1 shall provide for the publication of legal advertising only. The legal advertising contract shall be let to a
2 legally qualified newspaper. The other contract shall provide for all printed forms, materials, and supplies
3 required by the county.

4 (b) The contract for printed forms, materials, and supplies referred to in subsection (2)(a) or
5 subsection (2)(c) shall be let:

6 (i) to a commercial printing establishment or establishments, as the case may be, which has been
7 in business in the county for at least 1 year and whose competitive bid is not more than 5% higher than
8 that of the lowest responsible commercial printing establishment bidder doing business outside the county;
9 or

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18 for county printing and shall notify the printing establishments on the list of any call for bids.

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20 and recorder receives a written request from the printing establishment.

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22 if it has not submitted a bid during the previous 365 days.

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3 PART 2 be most suitable for performing said work. The county commissioners shall require of any
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5 deem advisable, signed by at least two sufficient sureties and conditioned to the effect that said contractor
6 will faithfully perform all of the conditions of said contract in accordance with this part and the terms of
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