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Bill Analysis

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Version: As Passed by the Senate

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Hackett

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SUMMARY

- Exempts county utility supply contracts entered into under a joint purchasing program from the ten-year maximum period for such contracts.
- Declares an emergency.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Utility contracts for county buildings

The bill exempts certain county utility supply contracts from a prohibition that such contracts may not exceed ten years. Under current law, a board of county commissioners is authorized to award contracts to supply a county building with light, heat, or power for any contracted period of time not exceeding ten years. The bill exempts contracts that are entered into through political subdivision joint purchasing law from this prohibition.¹

Under continuing law, a political subdivision may participate in contracts with one or more other political subdivisions, may participate in purchasing programs operated by or through certain national or state associations, or may participate in contract offerings from the federal government.² A county may obtain, for a county building, provisions for light, heat, or power through any of these joint purchasing mechanisms. The bill permits such an agreement to be for a period in excess of ten years.

¹ R.C. 307.04.

² R.C. 9.48, not in the bill.

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	01-26-21
Reported, S. Local Gov't & Elections	03-09-21
Passed Senate (33-0)	03-17-21
