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A BILL

To allow a county to purchase public health-related 1
items and communication equipment without 2
competitive bidding, solicit bids 3
electronically, and open bids during a meeting 4
held electronically during the period of the 5
emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, 6
issued on March 9, 2020, and to declare an 7
emergency. 8

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Sections 307.86 and 307.861 of the Revised Code 9
are suspended with respect to purchases for resources and 10
supplies necessary to public health and communications equipment 11
during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 12
2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020. 13

Section 2. Divisions (A) and (C) of section 307.87 of the 14
Revised Code are suspended during the period of the emergency 15
declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020. 16
Instead, a county contracting authority as defined in section 17
307.92 of the Revised Code shall post the notice on the 18

contracting authority's internet web site for at least two weeks 19
preceding the day of the opening of bids. 20

Section 3. During the period of the emergency declared by 21
Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, a county 22
contracting authority as defined in section 307.92 of the 23
Revised Code may open bids under section 307.88 of the Revised 24
Code during a meeting conducted via teleconference, video 25
conference, or any other similar electronic technology whereby 26
the contracting authority and the public attends via 27
teleconference, video conference, or any other similar 28
electronic technology. The notice required under section 307.87 29
of the Revised Code shall indicate the "place where bids will be 30
opened" is via electronic means and shall indicate how to obtain 31
access to the teleconference, video conference, or other similar 32
electronic technology. 33

Section 4. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 34
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 35
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 36
allow counties flexibility during the COVID-19 disease outbreak. 37
Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 38