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State of Arizona  
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## **CHAPTER 49**

# **HOUSE BILL 2052**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 11-255, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COUNTY POWERS AND DUTIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 11-255, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 11-255. Contract for advertising and printing

5 A. The board shall contract ~~annually~~ for all advertising,  
6 publications and printing required to be done or made by all departments  
7 of county government.

8 B. Written notice of letting the contract shall be ~~deposited in the~~  
9 ~~post office by the clerk of the board, postage prepaid, addressed to the~~  
10 ~~office~~ PROVIDED TO A REPRESENTATIVE of each qualified newspaper within the  
11 county, at least ten days ~~prior to~~ BEFORE the opening of bids, calling for  
12 written bids for the advertising, publications and printing required by  
13 all county departments ~~during the ensuing year,~~ and stating on what day  
14 the bids received will be opened. THE WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS  
15 SUBSECTION MAY BE PROVIDED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.

16 C. A contract shall be made with the lowest and best bidder, in the  
17 discretion of the board, and to a newspaper ~~which~~ THAT for at least one  
18 year has been admitted to the United States mail as second-class matter,  
19 if the bid is within the legal rate. During the existence of the  
20 contract, all advertising, publications and printing ordered by any  
21 department of county government shall be provided to the newspaper awarded  
22 the contract for printing under the terms and conditions of the contract.

23 D. The newspaper ~~which~~ THAT is awarded the contract pursuant to  
24 subsection C OF THIS SECTION may be referred to as the official newspaper  
25 of the county.

26 E. Notwithstanding subsection C OF THIS SECTION, the board of  
27 supervisors ~~may~~, for itself and all departments of county government, MAY  
28 advertise, publish and print in a publication other than the official  
29 newspaper, if any of the following apply:

30 1. The advertising, publishing or printing is in addition to that  
31 required to be done in the official newspaper of the county.

32 2. The advertising, publishing or printing is authorized but not  
33 required by law.

34 3. The advertising, publishing or printing is required by statute  
35 to be done in a location other than that of the official newspaper of the  
36 county.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 13, 2023.

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