

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, MAY 12, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 6, 1956 (1955 P.L.1414, No.465),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act to promote the welfare of the
3 people of this Commonwealth; creating Port Authorities to
4 function in counties of the second class as bodies corporate
5 and politic, with power to plan, acquire, construct, maintain
6 and operate facilities and projects for the improvement and
7 development of the port district and to borrow money and
8 issue bonds therefor; providing for the payment of such bonds
9 and prescribing the rights of the holders thereof; conferring
10 the right of eminent domain on the authorities; authorizing
11 the authorities to enter into contracts with and to accept
12 grants from the Federal government or any agency thereof; and
13 conferring exclusive jurisdiction on certain courts over
14 rates and services; and authorizing the authorities to
15 collect tolls, fares, fees, rentals and charges for the use
16 of facilities; defining the authorities' powers and duties,
17 and defining the port districts; granting Port Authorities
18 the exclusive right to engage in the business of owning,
19 operating, and maintaining a transportation system for the
20 transportation of persons in counties of the second class,
21 providing, when necessary, for extension of transportation
22 systems into adjoining counties and outside of said counties
23 as provided in the act; limiting the jurisdiction of the
24 Public Utility Commission over Port Authorities; authorizing
25 municipalities to make loans and grants and to transfer
26 existing facilities; authorizing Port Authorities to enter
27 into contracts with and to accept grants from State and local
28 governments or agencies thereof; exempting the property and
29 facilities of such Port Authorities from taxation and
30 limiting the time to commence civil action against said
31 Authorities," further providing for the awarding of contracts
32 and making of purchases.

33 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Section 9.1(a) of the act of April 6, 1956 (1955
3 P.L.1414, No.465), known as the Second Class County Port
4 Authority Act, amended March 7, 1982 (P.L.166, No.52), is
5 amended to read:

6 Section 9.1. (a) All contracts or purchases in excess of
7 [four thousand dollars (\$4,000)] ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)
8 shall be in writing and, except those hereinafter mentioned,
9 shall not be made except with and from the lowest responsible
10 bidder meeting specifications, after due notice in at least one
11 newspaper of general circulation, published or circulating in
12 the county at least three (3) times, at intervals of not less
13 than three (3) days where daily newspapers of general
14 circulation are employed for such publication, or in case weekly
15 newspapers are employed, then the notice shall be published once
16 a week for two (2) successive weeks. The first advertisement
17 shall be published not less than ten (10) days prior to the date
18 fixed for the opening of bids.

19 All contracts or purchases under [four thousand dollars
20 (\$4,000)] ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) may be negotiated with
21 or without competitive bidding under sound procurement
22 procedures as promulgated and established by the board.

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24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.