

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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RHODES, GILLETTE AND FLAHERTY, JUNE 20, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JUNE 20, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P.L.2017, No.396), entitled
2 "An act creating in each county (except of the first class)
3 as a separate corporation, and in each city of the first and
4 second class as a part of the city government, an institution
5 district for the care and maintenance of certain indigent
6 persons and children; prescribing the powers and duties of
7 county commissioners, county treasurers, city departments of
8 public welfare, the State Department of Welfare and the State
9 Department of Public Assistance in respect thereto;
10 abolishing certain poor districts and terminating the terms
11 of directors, overseers, guardians and managers of the poor
12 and poor district auditors, and providing for the temporary
13 employment of certain of them; providing for the transfer,
14 vesting, sale and disposition of the property of poor
15 districts and the payment of their obligations; imposing
16 certain existing obligations on institution districts and on
17 the Commonwealth; regulating the affairs of poor districts
18 until abolished; revising, amending, changing and
19 consolidating the law relating to the care of the poor; and
20 repealing existing laws," further providing for contracts for
21 hospitals which are part of the institution district.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Section 315 of the act of June 24, 1937
25 (P.L.2017, No.396), known as the "County Institution District
26 Law," amended October 7, 1955 (P.L.662, No.184), is amended to
27 read:

1 Section 315. Contracts.--It shall be the duty of the
2 commissioners to purchase all supplies for the maintenance of
3 the inmates of the institutions under their supervision, and to
4 contract for and purchase all services and personal property for
5 county institution district officers and agencies. They shall
6 where possible anticipate the needs of the various officers and
7 agencies of the district, and endeavor to purchase in wholesale
8 quantities where practicable and where savings could be achieved
9 thereby. The commissioners may make contracts and purchases for
10 all purposes expressly or impliedly authorized by law.

11 [All] Except as otherwise provided in the third paragraph of
12 this section, all contracts and purchases made by the
13 commissioners for the county institution district shall be made
14 in the same manner and under the same procedure as if they were
15 being made for the county, and shall be subject to the same
16 restrictions, regulations and controls provided by law for
17 county contracts and purchases.

18 The commissioners may enter into contracts and make purchases
19 for hospitals which are part of the institution district, by
20 purchasing off or participating in contracts for materials,
21 supplies and equipment entered into by a nonprofit cooperative
22 hospital service association. The institution district shall be
23 exempt from existing statutory requirements governing
24 advertising and competitive bidding with respect to the purchase
25 of materials, supplies and equipment under this paragraph.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.