

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 230 Session of 1999

INTRODUCED BY GERLACH, MOWERY, PUNT, CORMAN, SLOCUM AND WAUGH,
JANUARY 25, 1999

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 25, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the third,
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating
5 thereto; and providing for regional renaissance initiatives,"
6 further providing for separate bids for the erection,
7 construction or alteration of public buildings.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 2317 of the act of August 9, 1955
11 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, amended July 10,
12 1990 (P.L.379, No.89), is amended to read:

13 Section 2317. Separate Bids for Plumbing, Heating,
14 Ventilating, Electrical Work, Elevators and Moving Stairs.--(a)
15 In the preparation of specifications for the [erection,
16 construction and] alteration of any public building, when the
17 entire cost of such work shall exceed ten thousand dollars
18 (\$10,000), or in the preparation of specifications for the
19 construction and erection of any public building, when the
20 entire cost of such work shall exceed two hundred fifty thousand

1 dollars (\$250,000), the architect, engineer or other person
2 preparing such specifications shall prepare only the following
3 separate specifications: (1) plumbing, (2) heating, (3)
4 ventilating, (4) electrical work, (5) elevators and moving
5 stairs, and (6) one complete set of specifications for all the
6 other work to be done in such erection[,] and construction [and]
7 or alteration. The board of commissioners shall receive separate
8 bids upon each of the said branches of work and award the
9 contract for the same to the lowest responsible bidder for each
10 of said branches, including the balance of the work in addition
11 to the plumbing, heating, ventilating and electrical work, and
12 elevators and moving stairs. Where it is desired to install an
13 air conditioning unit, the heating and ventilating so involved
14 may be regarded as one branch of work having only one set of
15 specifications, and bids may be received and a contract awarded
16 thereon, as hereinbefore provided.

17 (b) The minimum bid amount for erection and construction
18 provided for in subsection (a) shall be adjusted annually by
19 applying to it a percentage change that is equal to the
20 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
21 Consumers, United States City Average, published by the Bureau
22 of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor,
23 for the preceding calendar year. The Department of General
24 Services shall publish the revised amount in the Pennsylvania
25 Bulletin.

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