

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 1825 Session of  
1977

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. DeMEDIO, FRYER, RITTER, MEBUS AND WEIDNER,  
OCTOBER 31, 1977

SENATOR LEWIS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,  
MAY 31, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled  
2 "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending,  
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating  
4 thereto," further providing for the accepting of bids, and <—  
5 the awarding of ~~contracts.~~ CONTRACTS, AND FOR CERTAIN STEEL <—  
6 PRODUCTS.

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

9 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1802, act of June 24,  
10 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as "The First Class Township  
11 Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569),  
12 and amended April 28, 1961 (P.L.144, No.69), is amended to read:

13 Section 1802. General Regulations Concerning Contracts.--

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15 (b) In every instance in which any contract for any public  
16 work, construction, materials, supplies, or other matters or  
17 things for any township shall be awarded upon competitive bids,  
18 it shall be the duty of the authorities authorizing the same to  
19 award said contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Any

1 published notice for bids shall contain full plans and  
2 specifications, or refer to the places where copies thereof can  
3 be obtained, and give the time and place of a public meeting of  
4 a committee, appointed by the township commissioners or an open  
5 meeting of the township commissioners, at which committee or  
6 commissioners meeting, bids shall be publicly opened and read,  
7 [but the contract not] and if it is an open meeting of the  
8 township commissioners, the contract may be awarded. If, through  
9 lack of a quorum or other reason, no meeting shall be held at  
10 such time and place, notice of the same kind shall be repeated  
11 once at least six days before the meeting of the subsequent time  
12 and place fixed, and the foregoing provisions as to bids shall  
13 apply. The same course shall be pursued until a meeting of a  
14 committee or the commissioners shall actually be held for  
15 receiving and opening bids. [At a subsequent meeting of the  
16 township commissioners, after the opening of the bids, the  
17 contract shall be awarded.] Any contract made in violation of  
18 the provisions hereof shall be void. But nothing herein  
19 contained shall prevent the making of contracts for governmental  
20 services for a period exceeding one year, but any contract so  
21 made shall be executory only for the amounts agreed to be paid  
22 for such services to be rendered in succeeding fiscal years:  
23 Provided, That if, prior to the letting of any contract,  
24 taxpayers of the township, whose property valuation as assessed  
25 for taxable purposes within the township shall amount to sixty  
26 per centum or over of the total property valuation as assessed  
27 for taxable purposes within the township, shall sign and file,  
28 with the township secretary of the board, a written protest  
29 against such contemplated contract, then such contract shall not  
30 be let. EVERY CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION,

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1 REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL CONTAIN  
2 A PROVISION THAT ANY STEEL PRODUCTS USED OR SUPPLIED IN THE  
3 PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT OR ANY SUBCONTRACTS THEREUNDER SHALL  
4 BE FROM STEEL MADE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
5 ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE ACT OF  
6 MARCH 3, 1978 (NO.3), KNOWN AS THE "STEEL PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT  
7 ACT."

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