

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2356 Session of
1978

INTRODUCED BY IRVIS AND MEBUS, APRIL 11, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, APRIL 11, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 7, 1901 (P.L.20, No.14), entitled "An
2 act for the government of cities of the second class,"
3 further regulating contract procedures and advertising for
4 bids.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1.1 of ARTICLE XV, act of March 7, 1901
8 (P.L.20, No.14), entitled "An act for the government of cities
9 of the second class," amended November 23, 1976 (P.L.1142,
10 No.246), is amended to read:

11 ARTICLE XV.

12 Contracts.

13 Section 1.1. Every contract relating to city affairs shall
14 be authorized by general or specific ordinance of council and
15 shall be let in the manner prescribed by council. All contracts
16 shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder except in the
17 following cases:

18 I. Purchases at public sale or pursuant to tariffs on file
19 with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;

1 II. Contracts for personal or professional services;

2 III. Contracts with political subdivisions, the Commonwealth
3 of Pennsylvania or the United States Government or with any
4 agencies or authorities of such governmental bodies; or

5 IV. Purchases of personal property where, by reason of
6 patents or copyrights, the required type of item is available
7 from only one seller.

8 For competitive bidding on contracts involving an amount
9 exceeding [two thousand dollars] five thousand dollars,
10 invitations for bids shall be issued pursuant to reasonable
11 notice, which shall be by advertisement and all bids shall be
12 filed with the city controller and opened publicly at a time and
13 place to be designated in the notice, and the figures shall be
14 announced to persons present. For competitive bidding on
15 contracts involving an amount of [two thousand dollars] five
16 thousand dollars, or less, the Director of the Department of
17 Supplies may obtain oral bids or letter bids or may proceed by a
18 comparison of specific prices as set forth in the sellers'
19 literature.

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