
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2356

Session of
1978

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. IRVIS AND MEBUS, APRIL 11, 1978

SENATOR LEWIS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 contracts, contract procedures and
4 advertising for 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

1 with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;

2 II. Contracts for personal or professional services;

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

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

9 For competitive bidding on contracts involving an amount
10 exceeding [two thousand dollars] two thousand five hundred
11 dollars (\$2,500), invitations for bids shall be issued pursuant
12 to reasonable notice, which shall be by advertisement and all
13 bids shall be filed with the city controller and opened publicly
14 at a time and place to be designated in the notice, and the
15 figures shall be announced to persons present. For competitive
16 bidding on contracts involving an amount of [two thousand
17 dollars] two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), or less,
18 the Director of the Department of Supplies may obtain oral bids
19 or letter bids or may proceed by a comparison of specific prices
20 as set forth in the sellers' literature.

21 ~~Every contract for the construction, reconstruction, repair,~~ <—
22 ~~improvement or maintenance of public works shall contain a~~
23 ~~provision that any steel products used or supplied in the~~
24 ~~performance of the contract or any subcontracts thereunder shall~~
25 ~~be from steel made in the United States.~~

26 ~~Section 2. The provisions of this act shall be construed in~~
27 ~~a manner consistent with the act of March 3, 1978 (No.3), known~~
28 ~~as the "Steel Products Procurement Act."~~

29 EVERY CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, <—
30 ALTERATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS

