

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1333

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TRELLO AND RASCO, APRIL 27, 1981

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OCTOBER 6, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class
3 and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and
4 changing the laws relating thereto," further regulating
5 contracts and purchases.

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

8 Section 1. Subsection (a) AND THE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH OF <—
9 SUBSECTION (D) of section 2001, act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723,
10 No.230), known as the "Second Class County Code," amended
11 November 26, 1978 (P.L.1268, No.302), ~~is~~ ARE amended to read: <—

12 Section 2001. County Commissioners to Make Contracts.--The
13 County Commissioners may make contracts for lawful purposes and
14 for the purposes of carrying into execution the provisions of
15 this section and the laws of the Commonwealth.

16 (a) All contracts or purchases in excess of [two thousand
17 five hundred dollars (\$2,500)] ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~ <—
18 FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000) shall be in writing and, except <—

1 those hereinafter mentioned, shall not be made except with and
2 from the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, after
3 due notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation,
4 published or circulating in the county at least three (3) times,
5 at intervals of not less than three (3) days where daily
6 newspapers of general circulation are employed for such
7 publication, or in case weekly newspapers are employed, then the
8 notice shall be published once a week for two (2) successive
9 weeks. The first advertisement shall be published not less than
10 ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids.

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12 (D) THE CONTRACTS OR PURCHASES MADE BY THE COMMISSIONERS <—
13 INVOLVING AN EXPENDITURE OF OVER [TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED
14 DOLLARS (\$2,500)] FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000) WHICH SHALL NOT
15 REQUIRE ADVERTISING OR BIDDING AS HEREINBEFORE PROVIDED ARE AS
16 FOLLOWS:

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18 SECTION 2. SECTION 2517 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

19 SECTION 2517. SEPARATE SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACTS FOR
20 CERTAIN ITEMS.--IN THE PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
21 ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATION OF ANY PUBLIC BUILDING,
22 WHEN THE ENTIRE COST OF SUCH WORK SHALL EXCEED [ONE THOUSAND
23 DOLLARS (\$1000)] FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000), THE ARCHITECT,
24 ENGINEER OR OTHER PERSON PREPARING SUCH SPECIFICATIONS SHALL
25 PREPARE SEPARATE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PLUMBING, HEATING,
26 VENTILATING AND ELECTRICAL WORK. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
27 SHALL RECEIVE SEPARATE BIDS UPON EACH OF THE SAID BRANCHES OF
28 WORK AND AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE SAME TO THE LOWEST
29 RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR EACH OF SAID BRANCHES.

30 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <—