

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 14, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," requiring certain purchases
21 to be made from domestic bidders; and making editorial
22 changes.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Section 2403(c) and (g) of the act of April 9,
26 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of
27 1929, amended June 21, 1937 (P.L.1865, No.373) and June 12, 1951

1 (P.L.516, No.133), are amended to read:

2 Section 2403. Standards and Purchases.--The Department of
3 General Services shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

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5 (c) To enter into contracts with the lowest responsible
6 domestic bidder for the purchase of all other furniture,
7 materials or supplies requested by the Legislative, and other
8 departments of the State Government, except as otherwise
9 provided by this act, and except that contracts for the purchase
10 of steel for use in the manufacture of vehicle registration
11 plates may be let on the basis of the market price thereof on
12 date of delivery. All such contracts shall be approved by the
13 Governor, and signed on behalf of the Commonwealth by the
14 Secretary of [Property and Supplies] General Services, who shall
15 also, with the approval of the [Department of Justice] Attorney
16 General, prescribe rules and regulations for the submission of
17 bids, awards, forms of contracts and other matter related
18 thereto. As used in this section, the term "domestic bidder"
19 means an individual, corporation, trust, partnership, limited
20 partnership, incorporated or unincorporated association or other
21 entity doing business in the United States of America that
22 supplies goods produced by human or mechanical effort where at
23 least fifty per centum (50%) of the cost of its material or
24 component parts were produced, manufactured or assembled in the
25 United States of America.

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27 (g) To authorize any other department, or any board or
28 commission, to make direct purchases in the field, not exceeding
29 a specified amount, but the department shall require records of
30 all such purchases to be transmitted to it periodically in such

1 form as it may prescribe. In so far as practicable, purchases
2 under this paragraph shall be made from contractors having
3 effective supplies contracts with the Department of [Property
4 and Supplies] General Services, and shall be in accordance with
5 applicable specifications in such contracts, otherwise such
6 purchases shall be made from the lowest of at least two bidders.

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