
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1450 Session of
1998

INTRODUCED BY GERLACH, ROBBINS, MOWERY, PUNT, SALVATORE, HART
AND DELP, MAY 22, 1998

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 22, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1913 (P.L.155, No.104), entitled "An
2 act regulating the letting of certain contracts for the
3 erection, construction, and alteration of public buildings,"
4 increasing the dollar threshold; and making a repeal.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of May 1, 1913 (P.L.155,
8 No.104), entitled "An act regulating the letting of certain
9 contracts for the erection, construction, and alteration of
10 public buildings," amended December 22, 1981 (P.L.546, No.159),
11 is amended to read:

12 Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., (a) (1) That hereafter in the
13 preparation of specifications for the erection, construction,
14 and alteration of any public building, when the entire cost of
15 such work shall exceed [four thousand dollars] two hundred fifty
16 thousand dollars, it shall be the duty of the architect,
17 engineer, or other person preparing such specifications, to
18 prepare separate specifications for the plumbing, heating,

1 ventilating, and electrical work; and it shall be the duty of
2 the person or persons authorized to enter into contracts for the
3 erection, construction, [or] and alteration of such public
4 buildings to receive separate bids upon each of the said
5 branches of work, and to award the contract for the same to the
6 lowest responsible bidder for each of said branches.

7 (2) Every contract for the construction, reconstruction,
8 alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works
9 shall comply with the provisions of the act of March 3, 1978
10 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the "Steel Products Procurement Act."

11 (b) The dollar threshold in subsection (a)(1) shall be
12 adjusted annually by applying to it a percentage change that is
13 equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for
14 All Urban Consumers, United States City Average, published by
15 the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department
16 of Labor, for the preceding calendar year. The Department of
17 General Services shall publish the revised amount in the
18 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

19 Section 2. The first and second sentences of section
20 2408(7)(i) of the act of act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175),
21 known as The Administrative Code of 1929, are repealed.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.