
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1533 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY EVERETT, JAMES, MOUL, FREEMAN AND SAPPEY,
MAY 30, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 30, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 27, 1953 (P.L.244, No.34), entitled "An
2 act relating to and regulating the contracts of incorporated
3 towns and providing penalties," further providing for power
4 to convey.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1.1(a) of the act of May 27, 1953
8 (P.L.244, No.34), entitled "An act relating to and regulating
9 the contracts of incorporated towns and providing penalties," is
10 amended to read:

11 Section 1.1. Power to Convey.--(a) Each incorporated town
12 may purchase, acquire by gift or otherwise, hold, lease, let and
13 convey, by sale or lease, such real and personal property as
14 shall be deemed to be in the best interest of the town:

15 Provided, That no real estate owned by the town shall be sold
16 for a consideration in excess of [fifteen hundred] six thousand
17 dollars except to the highest bidder after due notice by
18 advertisement for bids in one newspaper of general circulation
19 in the town. The advertisement shall be published once, not less

1 than ten days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids,
2 and the date for opening bids shall be announced in the
3 advertisement. The acceptance of bids shall be made only by
4 public announcement at a regular or special meeting of council.
5 All bids shall be accepted on the condition that payment of the
6 purchase price in full shall be made within sixty days of the
7 acceptance of bids. Council may reject all bids if the bids are
8 deemed to be less than the fair market value of the real
9 property. In the case of public auction, the council may
10 establish a minimum bid based on the fair market value of the
11 real property. Real estate owned by a town may be sold at a
12 consideration of [fifteen hundred] six thousand dollars or less
13 without advertisement of competitive bidding only after council
14 estimates the value thereof upon receipt of an appraisal by a
15 qualified real estate appraiser. Prior to selling real estate
16 valued at six thousand dollars or less without advertisement or
17 competitive bidding, council shall make a public announcement of
18 council's intention to sell the real estate at a regular or
19 special meeting of council at least thirty days prior to the
20 sale.

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