

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. **914** Session of
1919.

INTRODUCED BY MR. KOOSER, MARCH 11, 1919.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 12, 1919.

AN ACT

To amend section six hundred and seventeen of an act approved the eighteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws three hundred nine) entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania together with the provisions by which it shall be administered and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof providing revenue to establish and maintain the same and the method of collecting such revenue and repealing all laws general special or local or any parts thereof that are or may be inconsistent therewith"

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 section six hundred and seventeen of an act approved
5 the eighteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred
6 and eleven (Pamphlet Laws three hundred nine) entitled

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2 monwealth of Pennsylvania together with the provisions by
3 which it shall be administered and prescribing penalties
4 for the violation thereof providing revenue to establish
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6 revenue and repealing all laws general special or local
7 or any parts thereof that are or may be inconsistent
8 therewith" which reads as follows

9 "Section 617 Every contract in excess of three hun-
10 dred dollars (\$300) made by any school district in this
11 Commonwealth for the introduction of heating ventilating
12 or lighting systems or the construction reconstruction or
13 repair of any school building or work upon any school
14 property shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder
15 after due public notice has been given upon proper
16 terms asking for competitive bids" is hereby amended to
17 read as follows

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19 dred dollars (\$300) made by any school district in this
20 Commonwealth for the introduction of heating ventilating or
21 lighting system or the construction reconstruction or repair
22 of any school building or work upon any school property
23 shall be awarded to the lowest bidder and only after
24 three public notices have been given at intervals of seven
25 days in a newspaper having a general circulation in the
26 county in which such school district shall be situated of
27 the time and place of a meeting of the directors at
28 which bids will be publicly received opened and read
29 such meeting to be not less than twenty-one days after

1 the first publication of notice Announcement of the suc-
2 cessful bidder shall be made either at the meeting at
3 which bids are received or at a meeting the time and
4 place of which are publicly announced at the meeting at
5 which bids are received The acceptance of bids shall only
6 be made by public announcement at the meeting at which
7 bids are received or at a subsequent meeting the time
8 and place of which shall be publicly announced when
9 the bids are received If for any reason either or both
10 of the above meetings shall not be held the same busi-
11 ness may be transacted at subsequent meetings of which
12 seven days' notice shall be published in the newspaper
13 aforsaid The successful bidder shall be required to furnish
14 a bond with sufficient surety to be approved by the
15 board in the amount of fifty per centum of the amount
16 of the contract within ten days after the contract has
17 been awarded and upon failure to furnish such bond
18 within such time the previous award shall be void and
19 the contract shall be awarded to the next lowest bidder
20 subiect to the same provisions and requirements as above
21 stated