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AN ACT

To amend section seven hundred and eight of an act approved the eighteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws three hundred and 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 seven hundred and eight of the act approved the*
5 *eighteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and*

1 eleven (Pamphlet Laws three hundred and nine) entitled
2 "An act to establish a public school system in the
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania together with the provisions
4 by which it shall be administered and prescribing penal-
5 ties for the violation thereof providing revenue to estab-
6 lish and maintain the same and the method of collect-
7 ing such revenue and repealing all laws general special
8 or local or any parts thereof that are or may be in-
9 consistent therewith" which reads as follows

10 "Section 708 All supplies of the second class costing
11 three hundred dollars or more shall be awarded and
12 purchased only after public notice has been given by ad-
13 vertisement published once each week for three weeks in
14 not less than two newspapers of general circulation Pro-
15 vided that in any district where no newspaper is pub-
16 lished said notice may in lieu of such publication be
17 posted in at least five public places Such advertisement
18 or notice shall give all necessary information or give
19 notice of convenient access thereto in such manner that
20 bidders can intelligently make bids for such contracts

21 The board of school directors shall accept the lowest
22 bid or bids kind quality and material being equal but
23 shall have the right to reject any and all bids or
24 select a single item from any bid" is hereby amended
25 to read as follows

26 Section 708 All supplies of the second class costing
27 three hundred dollars or more shall be awarded and pur-
28 chased only after three public notices have been given at
29 intervals of seven days in a newspaper having a general

1 circulation in the county in which such school district
2 shall be situated of the time and place of a meeting
3 of the directors at which bids will be publicly received
4 opened and read such meeting to be not less than
5 twenty-one days after the first publication of notice No
6 contract shall be let except to the lowest bidder The
7 board of directors may however select a single item from
8 any one bid Announcement of the successful bidder shall
9 be made either at the meeting at which bids are re-
10 ceived or at a meeting the time and place of which
11 are publicly announced at which bids are received The
12 acceptance of bids shall only be made by public an-
13 nouncement at the meeting at which bids are received
14 or at a subsequent meeting the time and place of which
15 shall be publicly announced when the bids are received
16 If for any reason either or both of the above meetings
17 shall not be held the same business may be transacted
18 at subsequent meetings of which seven days' notice shall
19 be published in the newspaper aforesaid The successful bid-
20 der shall be required to furnish a bond with sufficient
21 surety to be approved by the board in the amount of
22 fifty per centum of the amount of the contract within
23 ten days after the contract has been awarded and upon
24 failure to furnish such bond within such time the previ-
25 ous award shall be void and the contract shall be
26 awarded to the next lowest bidder subject to the same
27 provisions and requirements as above stated