

manner prescribed by council. All contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder except in the following cases:

I. Purchases at public sale or pursuant to tariffs on file with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;

II. Contracts for personal or professional services;

III. Contracts with political subdivisions, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States Government or with any agencies or authorities of such governmental bodies; or

IV. Purchases of personal property where, by reason of patents or copyrights, the required type of item is available from only one seller.

For competitive bidding on contracts involving an amount exceeding three hundred dollars, invitations for bids shall be issued pursuant to reasonable notice, which shall be by advertisement in the case of contracts involving an amount exceeding one thousand dollars, and all bids shall be filed with the city controller and opened publicly at a time and place to be designated in the notice, and the figures shall be announced to persons present. For competitive bidding on contracts involving an amount of three hundred dollars or less, the Director of the Department of Supplies may obtain oral bids or letter bids or may proceed by a comparison of specific prices as set forth in the sellers' literature.

APPROVED—The 22d day of July, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

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No. 131

AN ACT

HB 1016

Amending the act of August 10, 1951 (P. L. 1163), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the orphans' court; conferring exclusive jurisdiction on such courts over the administration and distribution of decedents' estates, trust estates, minors' estates, absentees' estates and incompetents' estates and the determination of title to real estate in certain cases; providing for the organization of orphans' courts, the procedure therein, the powers and duties of the judges thereof, and appeals therefrom," confirming and validating the jurisdiction of the orphans' court in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Section 704, act of August 10, 1951 (P. L. 1163), known as the "Orphans' Court Act of 1951," is amended to read:

Section 704. Citation.—Jurisdiction of the person shall be obtained by citation to be awarded by the court upon application of any party in interest. The citation shall direct the party named therein to file a complete answer under oath to the averments of the petition on or before a day certain, which shall be not less than ten days after the service thereof, and to show cause as the decree of the court shall provide. Jurisdiction of the person of an incompetent obtained prior to the effective date of this act pursuant to the act of February 28, 1956 (P. L. 1154), known as the "Incompetents' Estates Act of 1955," is hereby validated and confirmed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22d day of July, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

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No. 132

AN ACT

HB 1017

Amending the act of February 28, 1956 (P. L. 1154), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the administration and distribution of incompetents' estates, both as to real and personal property, and the appointment of guardians of the persons of incompetents, and the procedure relating thereto; including the disposition of such estates or portions thereof and the determination of title thereto without the appointment of a guardian in certain cases; the appointment, bond, removal and discharge of guardians of such estates, their powers, duties and liabilities, the rights of persons dealing with such guardians, and the rights of persons claiming an interest in such estates or in property distributed therefrom whether as claimants or distributees, and containing provisions concerning the determination of incompetency and the powers, duties and liabilities of foreign guardians; and also generally dealing with the jurisdiction, powers and procedure of the orphans' court and the common pleas court relating to incompetents' estates," validating and confirming certain acts and providing that they shall not be subject to attack.

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

Section 1. Section 447, act of February 28, 1956 (P. L. 1154), known as the "Incompetents' Estates Act of 1955," reenacted and amended July 11, 1957 (P. L. 794), is amended to read: