

No. 399

AN ACT

Providing for the preparation of plans and specifications and for the erection of the Eastern State Penitentiary on lands acquired therefor; imposing duties in connection therewith upon the Governor, the Board of Trustees of Eastern State Penitentiary, and the Department of Welfare; and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Welfare, for the use of the Board of Trustees of Eastern State Penitentiary, for the two fiscal years beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, for the following purpose, namely:

For the erection and equipment of buildings for the new Eastern State Penitentiary, to be erected and developed on the site selected and purchased by the commission appointed to select and acquire a site for said new Eastern State Penitentiary.

Section 2. Plans for Buildings.—The plans and specifications for the buildings, to be erected on the tract of land aforesaid, shall be prepared under the direction of the said board, subject to the approval of the Governor and of the Department of Welfare. The buildings shall be of modern design, plain and substantial, and capable of extension as the needs of the said institution may require.

Section 3. Superintendent of Construction.—A superintendent of construction and such other persons as may be necessary to secure the speedy and economical construction of the buildings shall be appointed by the board of trustees, with the approval of the Department of Welfare, but, so far as practicable, the work shall be performed by the inmates of the Eastern State Penitentiary. The compensation of said superintendent of construction, as well as of such other persons as may be employed by the board, shall be paid from the appropriation made by this act. All contracts for material, as well as contracts for such portions of the work as cannot be done by the said inmates, shall be made by the board, subject to approval by the Department of Welfare, and any contract involving an expenditure of more than five hundred dollars shall only be made after advertisement and competitive bidding.

Section 4. Employment of Convicts in Construction.— Upon the completion of such building or buildings as may be necessary for the custody of prisoners, the board shall transfer as many able-bodied male convicts from the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia as they may deem necessary and advisable to assist in any work connected with the improvement of said tract, or the construction of the said buildings, and improvements pertinent thereto, with the necessary guards. The expense of keeping the convicts at said new Eastern State Peniten-

Eastern State Penitentiary.

Appropriation.

Purposes.

Plans for buildings.

Buildings.

Superintendent of construction.

Compensation of employes.

Contracts for material and work.

Employment of convicts.

Maintenance of convicts.