

imposing duties on local officers and the Department of Highways; and making an appropriation out of the Motor License Fund; and repealing existing legislation," is amended by adding, after clause (2), a new clause to read:

Payment to municipalities by formula.

Section 4. The money hereby appropriated to municipalities shall be paid to the municipalities in accordance with the following formula and subject to the provisions of this act:

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(2.1) Notwithstanding any limitations hereinbefore set forth, any municipality which issues bonds exclusively for road or street improvement purposes may expend all or any portion of the allocated money for interest and principal payments and sinking fund charges becoming due on such bonds.

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APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 69

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," further providing for the accepting of bids and the awarding of contracts.

The First Class Township Code.

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

Subsection (b), section 1802, act of June 24, 1931, P. L. 1206, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949, P. L. 1955, and amended September 7, 1955, P. L. 563, further amended.

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1802, act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955) and amended September 7, 1955 (P. L. 563), is amended to read:

Section 1802. General Regulations Concerning Contracts.—

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(b) In every instance in which any contract for any public work, construction, materials, supplies, or other matters or things for any township shall be awarded upon competitive bids, it shall be the duty of the authorities authorizing the same to award said contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Any published notice for bids shall contain full plans and specifications, or refer to the places where copies thereof can be obtained, and

* "of" omitted in original.

give the time and place of a public meeting of a committee, appointed by the township commissioners or an open meeting of the township commissioners, at which committee or commissioners meeting, bids shall be publicly opened and read, but the contract not awarded. If, through lack of a quorum or other reason, no meeting shall be held at such time and place, notice of the same kind shall be repeated once at least six days before the meeting of the subsequent time and place fixed, and the foregoing provisions as to bids shall apply. The same course shall be pursued until a meeting of a committee or the commissioners shall actually be held for receiving and opening bids. At [the first] a subsequent meeting of the township commissioners, after the opening of the bids, the contract shall be awarded. Any contract made in violation of the provisions hereof shall be void. But nothing herein contained shall prevent the making of contracts for governmental services for a period exceeding one year, but any contract so made shall be executory only for the amounts agreed to be paid for such services to be rendered in succeeding fiscal years: Provided, That if, prior to the letting of any contract, taxpayers of the township, whose property valuation as assessed for taxable purposes within the township shall amount to sixty per centum or over of the total property valuation as assessed for taxable purposes within the township, shall sign and file, with the township secretary of the board, a written protest against such contemplated contract, then such contract shall not be let.

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APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 70

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 22, 1907 (P. L. 31), entitled "An act to provide for the assignment of counsel in murder cases, and for the allowance of expenses and compensation in such cases," extending the benefits of the act.

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

Section 1. Section 1, act of March 22, 1907 (P. L. 31), entitled "An act to provide for the assignment of counsel in murder cases, and for the allowance of expenses and compensation in such cases," amended November 10, 1959 (P. L. 1401), is amended to read:

Section 1, act of March 22, 1907, P. L. 31, amended November 10, 1959, P. L. 1401, further amended.