

No. 1981-148

AN ACT

HB 1333

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further regulating contracts and purchases.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) and the introductory paragraph of subsection (d) of section 2001, act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the "Second Class County Code," amended November 26, 1978 (P.L.1268, No.302), are amended to read:

Section 2001. County Commissioners to Make Contracts.—The County Commissioners may make contracts for lawful purposes and for the purposes of carrying into execution the provisions of this section and the laws of the Commonwealth.

(a) All contracts or purchases in excess of **[two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)]** *four thousand dollars (\$4,000)* shall be in writing and, except those hereinafter mentioned, shall not be made except with and from the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, after due notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation, published or circulating in the county at least three (3) times, at intervals of not less than three (3) days where daily newspapers of general circulation are employed for such publication, or in case weekly newspapers are employed, then the notice shall be published once a week for two (2) successive weeks. The first advertisement shall be published not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids.

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(d) The contracts or purchases made by the commissioners involving an expenditure of over **[two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)]** *four thousand dollars (\$4,000)* which shall not require advertising or bidding as hereinbefore provided are as follows:

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Section 2. Section 2517 of the act is amended to read:

Section 2517. Separate Specifications and Contracts for Certain Items.—In the preparation of specifications for the erection, construction and alteration of any public building, when the entire cost of such work shall exceed **[one thousand dollars (\$1000)]** *four thousand dollars (\$4,000)*, the architect, engineer or other person preparing such specifications shall prepare separate specifications for the plumbing, heating, ventilating and electrical work. The board of commissioners shall receive separate bids upon each of the said branches of work and award the con-

tract for the same to the lowest responsible bidder for each of said branches.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of December, A. D. 1981.

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