

No. 361.

## AN ACT

Authorizing departments and agencies of the Commonwealth, the several counties, municipalities, and other subdivisions thereof to include in all contracts an agreement to arbitrate under the arbitration act of one thousand eight hundred thirty-six.

Contracts of State or municipalities; provision for arbitration of disputes.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That on and after the date of this act it shall be lawful to include in any contract hereinafter executed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any department or agency thereof or by or on behalf of any county, municipality, corporation, or other subdivision of the Commonwealth a provision that any matter in dispute arising under the said contract shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the arbitration act of June sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, or such sections thereof as may be set forth in such contract. Amend section two by adding after words "thirty-six," in line eight, the following or any section thereof as may be agreed upon.

Authority to submit matters in dispute to arbitration.

Section 2. Any officer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or of any county, municipality, or other subdivision of the Commonwealth having charge of the execution of any contract, shall have the right, with the consent of the legal officer of the Commonwealth or of such county, municipality, or other subdivision of the Commonwealth, to agree to submit any matter in dispute under any contract to which the said Commonwealth or a municipality shall be a party to arbitration in accordance with the act of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, whether the said contract shall contain a provision providing for such reference or not.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.