

ing, or thereafter to become due and owing, to such delinquent taxpayer. Upon receipt of such notice from the tax collector, the tenant in possession of any such real property shall deduct from any rent that is then or may thereafter become due and owing to such delinquent owner, the amount of such delinquent tax and the penalties and interest due thereon, and pay the same over to the collector of such taxes. The proper receipt for such taxes and penalties and interest, if any, paid to the tax collector by any tenant, shall be a good and sufficient voucher to offset any claim that such delinquent taxpayer may have against such tenant for any rent to the amount thereof.

Section 9. Sections one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, two thousand one hundred and forty-seven, and two thousand one hundred and forty-eight of said act are hereby repealed.

Repeals.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 208

AN ACT

To further amend clause fifty-three of section one thousand two hundred two of the act, approved the fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred nineteen), entitled "An act concerning boroughs; and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," by further regulating contracts by boroughs.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That clause fifty-three of section one thousand two hundred two of the act, approved the fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred nineteen), entitled "An act concerning boroughs; and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," as last amended by section thirteen of the act, approved the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred eighty-six), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Clause 53 of section 1202, act of May 4, 1927 (P. L. 519), as amended by act of June 9, 1931 (P. L. 386), further amended

LIII. Regulation of Contracts.—To make contracts or purchases in connection with proper legal requirements of the borough: Provided, That all contracts or purchases [other than purchases for water, electric light, and other public works of the borough, or for improvement made by its employes, or where the State or county is a party with the borough to a street improvement] made by any borough, involving an expenditure of over five hundred dollars (\$500), *except those hereinafter*

particularly enumerated, shall be in writing, and shall not be made except with and from the lowest responsible bidder, after due public notice by the secretary, published once a week for three weeks at intervals of seven days in one newspaper published in such borough, and, if no newspaper is published therein, then by publication in one newspaper printed in the county and circulating generally in the borough; and [such] *all* bids shall be received, opened, and read in open meeting of council, at a time fixed by such notice, and not earlier than twenty-one days after the first publication thereof.

In case of an emergency, so declared by the [affirmation] *affirmative* vote of two-thirds of all the members of said council, or a majority of council plus one when the number composing such council is less than nine, the notice shall be published at least one week prior to the time fixed therein for opening bids.

The acceptance of bids shall only be made by public announcement at the meeting at which bids are received, or at a subsequent meeting, the time and place of which shall be publicly announced when bids are received. If for any reason one or both of the above meetings shall not be held, the same business may be transacted at subsequent meetings, provided that one week's notice thereof shall be published in the newspaper aforesaid.

The successful bidder, when advertising is required herein, shall be required to furnish a bond, with sufficient surety, in the amount of fifty per centum of the amount of the contract, within ten days after the contract has been awarded, and upon failure to furnish such bond within such time, the previous award shall be void.

The contracts or purchases made by any council involving an expenditure of over five hundred dollars (\$500), which shall not require advertising or bidding as hereinbefore provided, are hereby enumerated as follows:

(a) *Those made for maintenance, repairs or replacements for water, electric light, and other public works of the borough, provided they do not constitute new additions, extensions or enlargements of existing facilities and equipment;*

(b) *Those where particular types, models or pieces of equipment, articles, apparatus, appliances, vehicles, or parts thereof, new, second hand or rebuilt, are desired by council, which are patented and manufactured products, and in cases of purchase under this provision, specifications shall not be required to be prepared nor a bond exacted: Provided, however, That this shall not apply to construction materials used in a street improvement;*

(c) *Those made for improvements, repairs or maintenance of any kind made or provided by any borough*

through its own employes, or where the State or county is a party or cooperates through its employes or the loan of its equipment with the borough to a street repair, maintenance or improvement;

(d) Those made for any surety company bond or policy of insurance.

It shall not be lawful for any burgess, or member of council of any borough, or any officer, agent, or employe thereof, to be in any way interested, either directly or indirectly, in any contract for the sale or furnishing of any supplies or materials to be furnished to or for the use of such borough involving the expenditure by the borough of more than [ten] *twenty-five* dollars (\$25) in any one month or more than [one] *three* hundred dollars (\$300) in any year, or to receive any reward or gratuity from any person interested in such contract or sale; nor shall any burgess, member of council, officer, agent, or employe, of any borough, be a member of any partnership, or a stockholder or officer of any corporation, or an agent or employe of any individual, partnership, or corporation, in any way interested in any contract for the sale or furnishing of any supplies or materials to be furnished to or for the use of or any work to be done for such borough involving the expenditure by the borough of more than [ten] *twenty-five* dollars (\$25) in any one month or more than [one] *three* hundred dollars (\$300) in any year; and any person violating these provisions, or any of them, shall forfeit his office or appointment in such borough, and also shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500).

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 209

AN ACT

To amend the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred eighty-two), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies; Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," by adding thereto sections four hundred and twenty B (420B), four hundred and twenty C (420C), and four