

No. 246

## AN ACT

HB 1779

Amending the act of March 7, 1901 (P.L.20, No.14), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," further regulating contract procedures and advertising for bids.

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

Section 1. Section 1.1 of ARTICLE XV, act of March 7, 1901 (P.L.20, No.14), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," amended August 25, 1967 (P.L.278, No.113), is amended to read:

## ARTICLE XV.

## Contracts.

Section 1.1. Every contract relating to city affairs shall be authorized by general or specific ordinance of council and shall be let in the manner prescribed by council. All contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder except in the following cases:

I. Purchases at public sale or pursuant to tariffs on file with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;

II. Contracts for personal or professional services;

III. Contracts with political subdivisions, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States Government or with any agencies or authorities of such governmental bodies; or

IV. Purchases of personal property where, by reason of patents or copyrights, the required type of item is available from only one seller.

For competitive bidding on contracts involving an amount exceeding **[one thousand five hundred dollars] two thousand dollars**, invitations for bids shall be issued pursuant to reasonable notice, which shall be by advertisement and all bids shall be filed with the city controller and opened publicly at a time and place to be designated in the notice, and the figures shall be announced to persons present. For competitive bidding on contracts involving an amount of **[one thousand five hundred dollars] two thousand dollars**, or less, the Director of the Department of Supplies may obtain oral bids or letter bids or may proceed by a comparison of specific prices as set forth in the sellers' literature.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of November, A. D. 1976.

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