
By Mr. Randall, a petition of William I. Randall and Edward W. Brooke for legislation to extend the application of certain provisions pertaining to public contracts to public authorities. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section eight A of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section forty-five of chapter
3 seventy-five of the acts of 1962, is hereby amended by delet-
4 ing the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor a new
5 first sentence to read as follows: — No officer having charge
6 of any office, department or undertaking which receives a
7 periodic appropriation from the commonwealth or indepen-
8 dent public authority created by an act of the general court
9 shall award any contract for the construction, reconstruction,
10 alteration, repair or development at public expense or at the
11 expense of such independent public authority of any building,
12 road, bridge or other physical property if the amount involved
13 therein is one thousand dollars or over, unless a notice invit-
14 ing proposals therefor shall have been posted, not less than
15 one week prior to the time specified in such notice for the
16 opening of said proposals, in a conspicuous place on or near
17 the premises of such officer, and shall have remained so posted
18 until the time so specified, and, if the amount involved there-
19 in is in excess of five thousand dollars, unless such a notice
20 shall also have been published at least once not less than two
21 weeks prior to the time so specified, and at such other times
22 prior thereto, if any, as the commissioner on administration
23 shall direct, in such newspaper or newspapers and/or trade
24 periodical or periodicals as said commissioner, having regard

25 to the locality of the work involved in such contract, shall pre-
26 scribe; provided, that such publication may be omitted, in
27 cases of special emergencies involving the health and safety
28 of the people and their property, upon the written approval of
29 said commissioner; and provided, further, that in the case of
30 work under the supervision or control of the department of
31 public works, the commission of public works shall prescribe
32 the newspaper or newspapers and/or trade periodical or
33 periodicals in which said notice shall be published, having
34 regard to the locality of the work involved.