

HOUSE No. 45

By Mr. Sullivan of Boston, petition of Lewis R. Sullivan, Jr., that the making and awarding of certain contracts by the Police Commissioner for the City of Boston be regulated. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Four.

An Act regulating the Making and Awarding of Certain Contracts by the Police Commissioner for the City of Boston.

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 1. Section twenty-four of chapter four
2 hundred and eighty-six of the acts of nineteen hun-
3 dred and nine is hereby amended by inserting after
4 the word "county" in the second line the words:—
5 , or the police commissioner for the city, — so as to
6 read as follows:— *Section 24.* Whenever, in response
7 to an advertisement by any officer or board of the city
8 or county, or the police commissioner for the city, a
9 bid for a contract to do work or furnish materials is
10 sent or delivered to said officer or board, a duplicate
11 of the same shall be furnished by the bidder to the
12 auditor, to be kept by him and not opened until after
13 the original bids are opened. After the original bids
14 are opened, the auditor shall open and examine the
15 bids submitted to him, and shall compare the same
16 with the original bids. In case any of the bids sub-

17 mitted to the auditor differ from the corresponding
18 original bids, those submitted to the auditor shall be
19 treated as the original bids. The contract shall not
20 be awarded until after both sets of bids are opened.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty of said chapter four
2 hundred and eighty-six is hereby amended by insert-
3 ing after the word "city" in the second line the words:
4 —, and the police commissioner for said city, — so as
5 to read as follows: — *Section 30.* Every officer or
6 board in charge of a department in said city, and the
7 police commissioner for said city, when authorized
8 to erect a new building or to make structural changes
9 in an existing building, shall make contracts therefor,
10 not exceeding five, each contract to be subject to the
11 approval of the mayor; and when about to do any
12 work or to make any purchase, the estimated cost of
13 which alone, or in conjunction with other similar work
14 or purchase which might properly be included in the
15 same contract, amounts to or exceeds one thousand
16 dollars, shall, unless the mayor gives written authority
17 to do otherwise, invite proposals therefor by adver-
18 tisement in the city record. Such advertisement shall
19 state the time and place for opening the proposals in
20 answer to said advertisement, and shall reserve the
21 right to the officer or board to reject any or all pro-
22 posals. No authority to dispense with advertising
23 shall be given by the mayor unless the said officer or
24 board furnishes him with a signed statement which
25 shall be published in the city record giving in detail
26 the reasons for not inviting bids by advertisement.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.