

# SENATE . . . . No. 400

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To accompany the petition of the Associated General Contractors of Mass., Inc., by Joel B. Leighton, executive secretary, for legislation relative to fair competition for bidders on construction of public works in regard to bid deposits. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT AMENDING THE LAW GOVERNING FAIR COMPETITION FOR BIDDERS ON CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS IN REGARD TO BID DEPOSITS.

*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 44B of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after  
3 the third sentence in said section the following sen-  
4 tence: — The three lowest responsible and eligible bid-  
5 ders, however, may substitute bonds for the bid deposits  
6 of cash or check, said bonds to be in the same amount  
7 as the bid deposit and of surety companies qualified to  
8 do business under the laws of the commonwealth and  
9 satisfactory to the awarding authority.

The committee on the part of the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, who were authorized by their respective bodies to negotiate for a plan of construction of public buildings in regard to the general plan of construction.

### The Commission of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

It is the duty of the law to provide for the construction of public buildings in the State of Massachusetts, and it is the duty of the Legislature to provide for the same.

That the same be the duty of the State and the duty of the Legislature to provide for the same.

1. Section 149 of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the third sentence in said section the following words:—The three lowest responsible and eligible bidders, however, may substitute bonds for the full amount of cash or check, said bonds to be in the same amount as the bid deposit and of surety companies admitted to do business under the laws of the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the awarding authority.