

HOUSE No. 2116

By Mr. Good of Cambridge, petition of Ernest A. Johnson for legislation to regulate competitive bidding on public building projects. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO REGULATE COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON PUBLIC BUILDING PROJECTS.

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 44A of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by chapter 480 of the acts of 1939, and
3 chapter 699 of the acts of 1941, is further amended by
4 inserting in the second sentence thereof, after the
5 word "work", the words: — and who is able to fur-
6 nish labor that can work in hamrony with all other
7 elements of labor employed on the work, or to be
8 employed on the work by other contractors and sub-
9 contractors, — so that the whole sentence shall read: —
10 The term "lowest responsible and eligible bidder",
11 as used herein and in sections forty-four B to forty-
12 four D, inclusive, shall mean the bidder whose bid is
13 the lowest of those bidders possessing the skill, ability
14 and integrity necessary to the faithful performance of
15 the work, and who is able to furnish labor that can

16 work in harmony with all other elements of labor
17 employed on the work or to be employed on the work
18 by other contractors and sub-contractors, in case no
19 substitution of sub-contracts is made in accordance
20 with section forty-four C, or whose original or ad-
21 justed bid is the lowest of such bidders in the event
22 of such substitution or substitutions.