
By Mr. Hatch of Beverly, petition of Francis W. Hatch, Jr., and other members of the House for extending to public authorities the application of certain laws pertaining to public contracts. 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 8A of chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by deleting the first sentence thereof and substituting
3 therefor a new first sentence to read as follows:— No officer
4 having charge of any office, department or undertaking which
5 receives a periodic appropriation from the commonwealth or
6 independent public authority created by an act of the general
7 court shall award any contract for the construction, reconstruc-
8 tion, alteration, repair, maintenance or development at public
9 expense or at the expense of such independent public authority
10 of any building, road, bridge or other physical property if the
11 amount involved therein is one thousand dollars or over, unless
12 a notice inviting proposals therefor shall have been posted, not
13 less than one week prior to the time specified in such notice for
14 the opening of said proposals, in a conspicuous place on or near
15 the premises of such officer, and shall have remained so posted
16 until the time so specified, and, if the amount involved therein
17 is in excess of five thousand dollars, unless such a notice shall
18 also have been published at least once not less than two weeks
19 prior to the time so specified, and at such other times prior
20 thereto, if any, as the commissioner of administration shall
21 direct, in such newspaper or newspapers and/or trade periodical

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