

SENATE No. 327

To accompany the petition of Francis J. Horgan that all contracts for public work be given only after competitive bids have been secured. Joint Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To regulate and control Public Contracts.

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. All preliminary plans, specifications
2 and estimates of the cost of any new construction,
3 plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilating and equip-
4 ment, or alterations or repairs of existing construc-
5 tion, whether for state institutions, county, municipi-
6 pal or town buildings or institutions, shall be sub-
7 mitted for competitive bids, and the drawing of
8 plans and specifications and the estimates for such
9 work shall, in all cases in excess of two thousand
10 dollars, be given to the lowest responsible bidder.
11 All proposed plans, specifications and contracts
12 hereinbefore referred to shall be submitted to com-

13 petitive bids by proper advertising in newspapers
14 of general circulation, the last publication of which
15 shall be at least ten days prior to the date upon
16 which the award of contract is to be given.

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