

HOUSE No. 846.

Bill accompanying the petition of George J. Raymond for legislation to require the advertising of proposals for the purchase of all supplies for the Commonwealth and for counties and cities. Ways and Means. January 26.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

Relative to the Purchase of Goods, Wares and Merchandise
by the Commonwealth, Counties and Cities.

*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. No officer or department of the Common-
2 wealth or of any county or city shall purchase any goods,
3 wares or merchandise for or on behalf of the Common-
4 wealth, county or city unless proposals for furnishing
5 the same have been advertised for, in the case of the
6 Commonwealth, the city of Boston and county of Suffolk,
7 in some newspaper published in the city of Boston, in
8 other counties some newspaper published at the county
9 seat, and in all other cities in some newspaper published

10 in such city ten days at least before such purchase; and
11 each said proposal shall be filed in the case of the Com-
12 monwealth with the state auditor, in the case of each
13 county with the county treasurer, and in the case of each
14 city with the city treasurer at least ten days before such
15 purchase: *provided, however*, that this act shall not
16 apply to the purchase by any of the officers aforesaid to
17 an amount not exceeding ten dollars.

1 SECTION 2. The treasurer of the Commonwealth and
2 the treasurer of each county and city shall not pay any
3 bills for merchandise purchased as aforesaid until the
4 proposal for furnishing the same and proof of its publi-
5 cation, as provided in section one, shall be delivered and
6 filed with him.

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