

HOUSE No. 2848

By Mr. Melia of Boston, petition of John F. Melia for legislation relative to the awarding of contracts to architects by certain public authorities. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AWARDING OF CONTRACTS TO ARCHITECTS BY CERTAIN 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 Chapter 30 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 39M, as inserted by section 1 of
3 chapter 842 of the acts of 1963, the following new sec-
4 tion:—

5 *Section 39N.* Public authorities created by the general
6 court shall before awarding any contract to an architect
7 association or corporation doing business as an architect on
8 properties owned or leased by said public authority cause to
9 be advertised an offer to accept bids at least thirty calendar
10 days prior to the award in two major newspapers in the city
11 or town where the work is to be performed. Upon completion
12 of said advertisement contracts shall only be awarded to the
13 lowest financially responsible bidder.

14 The authority shall file a certified copy within forty-eight
15 hours after awarding any contract to said bidder a copy of
16 said advertisement together with the name of the architect,
17 the amount of the proposed bid, the project to be designed
18 and any other work said architect is presently performing
19 within two years prior to their present award if any with the
20 commissioner of administration.

21 The provisions of this section shall apply to licensees,
 22 leasee's, tenants at will and all other persons doing business
 23 or intending to do business with said authority.

24 Failure to comply with any provisions of this section shall
 25 be subject to a fine of fifty thousand dollars payable to the
 26 state treasurer.