

purpose of carrying out any of the provisions of clauses (b), (e) and (f). *Approved June 10, 1954.*

AN ACT REGULATING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Chap.644

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section 11 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 10 of chapter 537 of the acts of 1946, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: — No person employed for compensation, other than an elected officer, by the commonwealth or any county, city or town shall directly or indirectly solicit or receive any gift, payment, contribution, assessment, subscription or promise of money or other thing of value for the political campaign purposes of any candidate for public office or of any political committee, or for any political purpose whatever; but this section shall not prevent such persons from being members of political organizations or committees. *Approved June 10, 1954.*

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 55, § 11, etc., amended.

Political activities of public employees, regulated.

AN ACT REGULATING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC BUILDING PROJECTS BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING. Chap.645

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 44A, as amended by section 1 of chapter 699 of the acts of 1941, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 44A.* Every contract for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling or repair of any public building by the commonwealth, or by any county, city, town, district, board, commission or other public body and estimated to cost more than five thousand dollars in the case of the commonwealth, and more than one thousand dollars in the case of any county, city, town, district, board, commission or other public body, shall be awarded on the basis of competitive bids to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder for the complete work. The term "lowest responsible and eligible bidder", as used herein and in sections forty-four B to forty-four D, inclusive, shall mean the bidder whose bid is the lowest of those bidders possessing the skill, ability and integrity necessary to the faithful performance of the work, except in the event of substitution as hereinafter required, and who shall certify that he is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work. Essential information in regard to such qualifications shall be submitted in such form as the awarding authority may require. The awarding authority shall reserve the right to reject any or all bids, if it be in the public interest so to do.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 149, § 44A, etc., amended.

Award of contracts for public building projects, regulated.

"Lowest responsible and eligible bidder", defined.