

By Mr. Hermann of North Andover, petition of Joseph N. Hermann and other members of the General Court for legislation to permit state agencies to join in collective purchasing by cities and towns. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE COLLECTIVE PURCHASING STATUTES SO AS TO PERMIT STATE AGENCIES TO JOIN IN COLLECTIVE PURCHASING EFFORTS OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

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 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 Section 22B, and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section: —

4 Section 22B. (a) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law
5 relating to collective purchasing, but subject, however, to all other
6 laws regulating public purchases and competitive bidding, any two
7 or more political subdivisions, as defined in section twenty-two
8 A, may join together for the purpose of obtaining and accepting
9 competitive bids on similar items of materials, supplies,
10 equipment or services which they intend to purchase, provided
11 that each political subdivision shall accept sole responsibility for
12 any payment due the vendor for its share of such purchase.

13 (b) Public agencies of the Commonwealth may utilize contracts
14 prepared by two or more political subdivisions of the purchase
15 of public safety materials, or equipment, subject to the rules,
16 regulations and procedures established by the State Purchasing
17 Agent provided that prior approval for said public agency to use
18 such contract shall be obtained from the State Purchasing Agent.
19 The State Purchasing Agent is authorized to review all bidding
20 documents and contracts resulting therefrom issued by political

21 subdivisions in those cases where the resulting contract is being
22 considered for use by a state agency.

23 The State Purchasing Agent and the Secretary of Public Safety
24 shall report to the Secretary of Administration and Finance and
25 the Committee on State Administration of the General Court no
26 later than December 31, 1990 on the operation of this act.