

nineteen hundred and sixteen for the proposed school for the feeble-minded on land of the commonwealth at Belchertown, may be modified and changed by the commission on mental diseases, with the approval of the governor and council, by eliminating items and by increasing, decreasing or dividing other items in any way that may be deemed advisable after a plan for the development of the school has been approved: *provided*, that the appropriation made to carry out the purposes of said chapter one hundred and sixty is not exceeded. The commission on mental diseases is hereby authorized and directed to utilize, so far as possible, the labor of patients under the control of the trustees of the Wrentham state school, and the said trustees are hereby authorized to transfer so many boys from the state school to the town of Belchertown as the commission on mental diseases may deem expedient, notwithstanding a similar provision in said chapter one hundred and sixty providing for transfers from the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.

feeble-minded
in Belchertown.

Proviso.

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RESOLVE RELATIVE TO THE STATE PRINTING.

Chap. 128

Resolved, That the attorney-general, the secretary of the commonwealth, the treasurer and receiver general, the auditor of the commonwealth, the supervisor of administration, the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives are hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the execution of all the printing and binding for the several departments of the government of the commonwealth, except office stationery and blank books without printed headings, for a term of one, three or five years from the first day of July in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen. They shall take into consideration the circumstances and facilities of the several bidders for the work as well as the terms offered; they may reject any bids received, and they shall award the contract, to be based upon a working day of eight hours for each week day, except that on Saturday the working day shall consist of four hours unless in the judgment of the official having supervision of the state printing, legislative or ballot work shall require a full day of eight hours, and equal pay for equal work performed by men and women, at such rates as they shall decide to be equitable between employer and employed, and to such bidder as in their judgment the interests of the commonwealth may require, and they

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contract.

shall execute the contract in the name and behalf of the commonwealth. Bonds satisfactory to the said officers, to an amount not less than ten thousand dollars, shall be given by the party to whom the contract is awarded, to secure the faithful performance of the contract.

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Chap. 129 RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE STREET RAILWAYS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Investigation
of problems
relating to the
street railways
of the common-
wealth.

Resolved, That a special commission, to consist of three members of the senate, to be appointed by the president, six members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker, and two persons, not members of the general court, to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, shall sit during the recess of the general court to investigate and study the various problems relating to the control, supervision, regulation, ownership, operation, taxation, capitalization, finance, management and development of street railways in this commonwealth, and to the powers, duties and liabilities of street railway companies. The commission shall be known as the street railway investigation commission, and shall especially consider the following matters: — the development of street railways in such manner as to provide for the cheaper and quicker conveyance of food, including milk, from the country to the city, and of freight to and from the various railroad stations and wharves; the construction of street railways in parts of the state not now served by street railways or other means of transportation; the use of motor vehicles by street railway companies as feeders, or otherwise; the granting of authority to cities and towns to invest in the securities of street railway companies, or otherwise to render financial assistance to such companies; the ownership or operation of street railways by the commonwealth, or by cities and towns; amendments of the law relative to the obligations of street railway companies in respect to the paving of streets and the maintenance and repair of ways and bridges in or on which street railways are operated; the sale of commutation tickets for transportation by street railways; and the taxation of street railway companies. The commission hereby provided for shall be furnished with a room in the state house, and shall have the services of a clerk. The com-