

By Mr. Grenier of Spencer, petition of Henry R. Grenier and Mary Jeannette Murray relative to increasing the limit for towns and districts to contract for the purchase of equipment, supplies or materials without bid. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT INCREASING THE LIMIT FOR TOWNS AND DISTRICTS TO CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES OR MATERIALS WITHOUT BID.

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. The first paragraph of section 4B of chapter 40 of
2 the General Laws, as most recently amended by section one of
3 chapter 199 of the acts of 1974, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the
5 following sentence: — Unless otherwise provided by by-law or
6 special law in towns and districts, no contract for the purchase of
7 equipment, supplies, or materials, the actual or estimated cost of
8 which amounts to five thousand dollars or more, except in cases of
9 special emergency involving the health or safety of the people or
10 their property, shall be awarded unless proposals for the same have
11 been invited by advertisement in at least one newspaper, if any,
12 published in the town or district, otherwise in at least one news-
13 paper of general circulation in the town or district, such publica-
14 tion to be at least one week before the time specified for the opening
15 of said proposals.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect in a town or district upon
2 acceptance by town or district meeting vote, and may also be
3 revoked in the same manner.

