

To accompany the petition of James E. Warren that domestic contractors be given preference over foreign contractors in the construction of public works on behalf of the Commonwealth. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two.

An Act preferring Domestic over Foreign Contractors in the Construction, on Behalf of the Commonwealth, of Public Works.

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 twenty-nine of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section twenty-
3 seven the following new section: —

4 *Section 27A.* For the purposes of this section,
5 the following terms shall have the following
6 meanings: — (a) “Domestic contractor”, a resi-
7 dent of the commonwealth or a corporation,
8 partnership or association having its principal
9 place of business within the commonwealth,
10 submitting proposals for the construction or
11 reconstruction, under contract with the com-
12 monwealth, of highways, buildings or any other
13 public work; (b) “Foreign contractor”, a non-

14 resident or a corporation, partnership or asso-
15 ciation having its principal place of business
16 outside the commonwealth, submitting such pro-
17 posals. No contract for the construction or
18 reconstruction of any highway, building or other
19 public work shall be awarded to a foreign con-
20 tractor by any department, board, commission
21 or official of the commonwealth based upon bids
22 or proposals submitted in pursuance of a request
23 or advertisement therefor, if a bid or proposal
24 for the same work has been submitted by a
25 domestic contractor, who does not stipulate
26 therein a sum in excess of per cent
27 of that stipulated in the bid or proposal of the
28 foreign contractor; provided, that in the opinion
29 of said department, board, commission or official,
30 the award of such contract to the domestic con-
31 tractor is in all other respects in accordance
32 with the public interest.

