

HOUSE No. 1933

By Ms. Fox of Boston, petition of Gloria L. Fox and Thomas M. Menino relative to certain contracting procedures in the city of Boston. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT REGARDING CERTAIN CONTRACTING PROCEEDURES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

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. Section 6 of Chapter 418 of the acts of 1890, as
2 amended by Section 2 of Chapter 156 of the acts of 1939, as
3 amended by Section 1 of Chapter 376 of the acts of 1952, as
4 amended by Section 1 of Chapter 60 of the acts of 1955, as
5 amended by Section 1 of Chapter 373 of the acts of 1992, and as
6 further amended by Section 1 of Chapter 262 of the acts of 1998
7 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as stricken
8 and amended by Section 3 of Chapter 262 of the acts of 1998, and
9 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—
10 “All contracts made by any department of the city of Boston or
11 by any officer, board or official of the county of Suffolk having
12 power to incur obligations on behalf of said county in cases where
13 said obligations are to be paid for wholly from the treasury of said
14 city, shall, when the amount involved is twenty-five thousand dol-
15 lars and no cents (\$25,000.00) or more, or when the contract
16 comes within Section 30 of Chapter 486 of the acts of 1909, be in
17 writing; and no such contract shall be deemed to have been made
18 or executed until the approval of the mayor of said city has been
19 affixed thereto in writing and the auditor of said city has certified
20 thereon that an appropriation is available therefor or has cited
21 thereon the statute under authority of which the contract is being
22 executed without an appropriation.”

1 SECTION 2. Section 30 of Chapter 486 of the acts of 1909,
2 amended by Section 2 of Chapter 376 of the acts of 1952,
3 amended by Section 2 of Chapter 60 of the acts of 1955, as
4 amended by Section 2 of Chapter 373 of the acts of 1992, is
5 hereby amended by striking the entire section and inserting in
6 place thereof the following section:—

7 “Every officer or board in charge of a department in said city
8 and every, board or official of the county of Suffolk having power
9 to incur obligations on behalf of said county in cases where said
10 obligations are to be paid for wholly from the treasury of said city,
11 when authorized to erect a new building or to make structural
12 changes in an existing building, shall make contracts therefor, not
13 exceeding five, each contract to be subject to the approval of the
14 mayor; and when about to do any work or make any purchase, the
15 estimated cost of which alone, or in conjunction with other similar
16 work or purchase which might properly be included in the same
17 contract, amounts to or exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars and
18 no cents (\$25,000.00), shall, unless the mayor gives written
19 authority to do otherwise, invite proposals therefor by advertise-
20 ments in the City Record. Such advertisement shall state the time
21 and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertise-
22 ment, and shall reserve the right to the officer or board to reject
23 any or all proposals. No authority to dispense with advertising
24 shall be given by the mayor unless the said officer or board fur-
25 nishes him with a signed statement which shall be published in the
26 City Record giving in detail the reasons for not inviting bids by
27 advertisement.”

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.