

Section 7. Section three hundred fifteen of the act is amended to read:

Section 315, act of June 24, 1937, P. L. 2017, further amended.

Section 315. Contracts [of Five Hundred Dollars or More to Be in Writing].—It shall be the duty of the commissioners to purchase all supplies for the maintenance of the inmates of the institutions under their supervision, [by written contract where such contract involves an expenditure of five hundred dollars or more. The commissioners shall by advertisement, inserted in at least one newspaper of the county in which said institution is located, once a week for two weeks, invite sealed proposals for the furnishing of such supplies, and shall award all such contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, and shall take from such bidder a bond with sufficient sureties conditioned for the faithful performance of his contract.

Any commissioner violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.]*and to contract for and purchase all services and personal property for county institution district officers and agencies. They shall where possible anticipate the needs of the various officers and agencies of the district, and endeavor to purchase in wholesale quantities where practicable and where savings could be achieved thereby. The commissioners may make contracts and purchases for all purposes expressly or impliedly authorized by law.*

*All contracts and purchases made by the commissioners for the county institution district shall be made in the same manner and under the same procedure as if they were being made for the county, and shall be subject to the same restrictions, regulations and controls provided by law for county contracts and purchases.*

Section 8. This act shall take effect January one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six.

Act effective January 1, 1956.

APPROVED—The 7th day of October, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 185

AN ACT

Amending the act of May two, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 382), entitled "An act providing for the incorporation as bodies corporate and politic of 'Authorities' for municipalities, counties and townships; prescribing the rights, powers and duties of such Authorities heretofore or hereafter incorporated; authorizing such Authorities to acquire, construct, improve, maintain and operate projects, and

to borrow money and issue bonds therefor; providing for the payment of such bonds, and prescribing the rights of the holders thereof; conferring the right of eminent domain on such Authorities; authorizing such Authorities to enter into contracts with and to accept grants from the Federal Government or any agency thereof; and conferring exclusive jurisdiction on certain courts over rates", conferring exclusive jurisdiction on certain courts over service.

"Municipality Authorities Act of 1945."

Clause (h), subsection B, section 4, act of May 2, 1945, P. L. 382, amended June 12, 1947, P. L. 571, further amended

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Clause (h), subsection B of section four, act of May two, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 382), known as the "Municipality Authorities Act of 1945," amended June twelve, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 571), is amended to read:

Section 4. Purposes and Powers; General.—• • •

B. Every Authority is hereby granted, and shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the aforesaid purposes, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:

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(h) To fix, alter, charge and collect rates and other charges in the area served by its facilities at reasonable and uniform rates to be determined exclusively by it, for the purpose of providing for the payment of the expenses of the Authority, the construction, improvement, repair, maintenance and operation of its facilities and properties, the payment of the principal of and interest on its obligations, and to fulfill the terms and provisions of any agreements made with the purchasers or holders of any such obligations, or with the municipality incorporating or municipalities which are members of said Authority or with any municipality served or to be served by said Authority, and to determine by itself exclusively the services and improvements *required to provide adequate, safe and reasonable service, including extensions thereof*, in the areas served: Provided, That if the service area includes more than one municipality, the revenues from any project shall not be expended directly or indirectly on any other project, unless such expenditures are made for the benefit of the entire service area. Any person questioning the reasonableness or uniformity of any rate fixed by any Authority *or the adequacy, safety and reasonableness of the Authority's services, including extensions thereof*, may bring suit against the Authority in the court of common pleas of the county wherein the project is located, or if the project is located in more than one county then in the court of common pleas of the county wherein the principal office

of the project is located. The court of common pleas shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine [the reasonableness and uniformity of rates and other charges fixed, altered, charged or collected by an Authority.] *all such questions involving rates or service.* Appeals may be taken to the Superior Court within thirty days after the court of common pleas has rendered a final decision.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of October, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 186

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1145), entitled, as amended, "An act empowering cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, school districts of the second class, school districts of the third class and school districts of the fourth class to levy, assess, and collect or to provide for the levying, assessment and collection of certain additional taxes subject to maximum limitations for general revenue purposes; authorizing the establishment of bureaus and the appointment and compensation of officers and employes to assess and collect such taxes; and permitting penalties to be imposed and enforced; providing an appeal from the ordinance or resolution levying such taxes to the court of quarter sessions and to the Supreme Court and Superior Court", clarifying the provisions of the act as to the aggregate amount of taxes any political subdivision may levy during a fiscal year and extending certain temporary provisions relative thereto, providing for the publication of notices concerning certain tax ordinances and resolutions, and permitting the imposition of taxes free from certain restrictions prescribed by existing laws.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Taxation.

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section one, act of June twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1145), entitled, as amended, "An act empowering cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, school districts of the second class, school districts of the third class and school districts of the fourth class to levy, assess, and collect or to provide for the levying, assessment and collection of certain additional taxes

Subsection (c), section 1, act of June 25, 1947, P. L. 1145, amended September 29, 1951, P. L. 1578, and September 29, 1951, P. L. 1640, and January 18, 1952, P. L. 2093, reenacted and further amended.