

duty to set the matter down for hearing upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the secretary, and thereupon to take testimony and examine into the facts of the case, and to determine whether the secretary is imposing an unreasonable order upon the petitioner under the provisions of this act.

Penalty.—Any person violating any rule or regulation, or any amendment thereto, promulgated pursuant to this section or any order issued by the secretary under subsection (g) of this section or wilful failure to comply with such an order shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00), and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 113

AN ACT

SB 196

Amending the act of March 7, 1901 (P. L. 20), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," further regulating contract procedures and advertising for bids.

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

Section 1. Section 1.1 of article XV, act of March 7, 1901 (P. L. 20), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," added July 22, 1965 (P. L. 234), is amended to read:

Section 1.1. Every contract relating to city affairs shall be authorized by general or specific ordinance of council and shall be let in the manner prescribed by council. All contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder except in the following cases:

I. Purchases at public sale or pursuant to tariffs on file with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;

II. Contracts for personal or professional services;

III. Contracts with political subdivisions, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States Government or with any agencies or authorities of such governmental bodies; or

IV. Purchases of personal property where, by reason of patents or copyrights, the required type of item is available from only one seller.

For competitive bidding on contracts involving an amount exceeding [three hundred] one thousand five hundred dollars, invitations

for bids shall be issued pursuant to reasonable notice, which shall be by advertisement [in the case of contracts involving an amount exceeding one thousand dollars,] and all bids shall be filed with the city controller and opened publicly at a time and place to be designated in the notice, and the figures shall be announced to persons present. For competitive bidding on contracts involving an amount [of three hundred dollars or less] of one thousand five hundred dollars,

or less, the Director of the Department of Supplies may obtain oral bids or letter bids or may proceed by a comparison of specific prices as set forth in the sellers' literature.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 25th day of August, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 114

AN ACT

SB 201

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further regulating contracts, advertising, bids and specifications for contracts and bonds for the protection of labor and materialmen.

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

Section 1. Section 1801 and subsections (a) and (b) of section 1802, act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), known as "The County Code," amended April 11, 1959 (P. L. 17), are amended to read:

Section 1801. Commissioners Sole Contractors for County.—The county commissioners shall contract for and purchase all services referred to in section five hundred eight and personal property for county officers and agencies. All contracts and purchases not in excess of [one thousand dollars (\$1000)] one thousand five hundred dollars