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House Bill No. 2140

(By Delegate Michael)

Passed March 4, 1999

In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section nineteen, article four, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to abolishing the requirement that when the commissioner is about to construct or improve any highway, he or she shall file a copy of the plans and notice of the work to be performed.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section nineteen, article four, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. STATE ROAD SYSTEM.

§17-4-19. Contracts for construction, materials, etc.; work by prison labor, etc.; bidding procedure.

1 All work of construction and reconstruction of state roads and bridges, and the furnishing of all materials and supplies therefor, and for the repair thereof shall be done and furnished pursuant to contract except that the commissioner may not be required to award any contract for work, which can be done advantageously, economically and practicably by commission forces or prison labor and by use of state road equipment, or for
materials and supplies, which are manufactured, processed or assembled by the commissioner: *Provided*, That the commissioner may not be required to award any contract for work, materials or supplies for an amount less than three thousand dollars. In all the work, the commissioner shall utilize state road forces or prison labor and state road equipment and shall manufacture, process and assemble all the materials and supplies for the work whenever and wherever the commissioner, in his or her discretion, finds work and services advantageous, economical and practicable in the state road program.

If the work is to be done, or the materials therefor are to be furnished by contract, the commissioner shall thereupon publish the following described advertisement as a Class II legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of article three, chapter fifty-nine of this code, and the publication area for the publication shall be the county or municipality in which the road lies. The advertisement shall also be published at least once in at least one daily newspaper published in the city of Charleston and in other journals or magazines as may to the commissioner seem advisable. The advertisement shall solicit sealed proposals for the construction or other improvement of the road, and for the furnishing of materials therefor, accurately describing the same, and stating the time and place for opening the proposals and reserving the right to reject any and all proposals: *Provided*, That whenever the estimated amount of any contract for work or for materials or supplies is less than three thousand dollars, the commissioner may not be required to advertise the letting of the contract in newspapers as above required, but may award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, when two or more sealed proposals or bids have been received by him or her without the advertisement, but the contract may not be so awarded unless the bid of the successful bidder is three thousand dollars or less. The commissioner shall have the power to prescribe proper prequalifications of contractors bidding on state road construction work. To all sealed proposals there shall be attached the certified check of the bidder or bidder’s bond acceptable to the commissioner, in the amount as the commissioner shall specify in the advertisement,
but not to exceed five percent of the aggregate amount of the
bid; but the amount shall never be less than five hundred
dollars. The proposals shall be publicly opened and read at the
time and place specified in the advertisement, and the contract
for the work, or for the supplies or materials required therefor
shall, if let, be awarded by the commissioner to the lowest
responsible bidder for the type of construction selected. In case
all bids be rejected, the commissioner may thereafter do the
work with commission forces or with prison labor, or may
readvertise in the same manner as before and let a contract for
the work pursuant thereto.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 16th day of March, 1999.

Governor
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