



|| SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 693 **Printer's No. 851**

Prime Sponsor: Schwank
Committee: Local Government

SYNOPSIS:

Authorizes political subdivisions and authorities to enter into contracts for services when two consecutive advertisements fail to induce bids.

SUMMARY:

Amends Act 78 of 1979, which authorizes contracts for goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received. Current law does not allow for such contracts for services.

Allows political subdivisions and authorities to initiate negotiations for a contract for services if no bids are received within 15 days of a second advertisement. Any provider not otherwise disqualified by law or an enactment of policy of the governing body may be selected.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the political subdivision or authority will be required to disclose at a regular or special public meeting the identity of the parties, proposed contract price and a summary of the other terms and conditions relating to the proposed contract in order to demonstrate that the services sought are consistent with those previously advertised.

"Services" include furnishing of labor, time, or effort by a contractor not involving the delivery of a specific end product other than drawings, specifications, or reports incidental to the required performance. The term also includes routine operation or maintenance of existing structures, buildings, or real property, the repair or rehabilitation of existing infrastructure, and utility services or those services formerly provided by public utilities such as electrical, telephone, water, and sewage service. The term does not include employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.

Effective Date: 60 days

BILL HISTORY:

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