

Legislation Text

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Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to establish that a bid preference can be allowed in the awarding of public contracts to Philadelphia firms, and that the extent and nature of the bid preference shall be provided by ordinance.

WHEREAS, Under section 6 of the First Class City Home Rule Act (53 P.S. § 13106), amendments to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the Council of the City of Philadelphia adopted with the concurrence of two-thirds of its elected members; and

WHEREAS, City Council, by the adoption of this Resolution, proposes amendments to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to competitive bidding requirements; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

That the following amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is hereby proposed and shall be submitted to the electors of the City on an election date designated by ordinance:

PHILADELPHIA HOME RULE CHARTER

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ARTICLE VIII
PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

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CHAPTER 2
CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENT, PROPERTY AND RECORDS

Section 8-200. Contracts.

(1) Except in the purchase of unique articles or articles which for any other reason cannot be obtained in the open market, competitive bids shall be secured before any purchase, by contract or otherwise, is made or before any contract is awarded for construction, alterations, repairs or maintenance or for rendering any services to the City other than professional services and the purchase shall be made from or the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; *provided, however, that City Council may, by ordinance, prescribe bid preferences for businesses located in or doing business in Philadelphia.*

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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicates matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.