

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4877**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Ten**  
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An Act relative to municipal relief..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 60 and 61, and in line 63, the word  
3 “December” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following word:- October.

4           SECTION 2. Section 52 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “fifty-three to fifty-eight” and inserting in place  
6 thereof the following words:- 53 to 58A.

7           SECTION 3. Said chapter 10 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 58 the  
8 following section:-

9           Section 58A. (a) The council shall establish criteria and guidelines for state-designated  
10 cultural districts. A cultural district shall be a geographical area of a city or town with a  
11 concentration of cultural facilities located within it. Cultural districts shall attract artists and  
12 cultural enterprises to a community, encourage business and job development, establish tourist  
13 destinations, preserve and reuse historic buildings, enhance property values and foster local

14 cultural development. The council shall assist a city or town if the city or town wishes to develop  
15 or foster a cultural district. The council shall develop an application process, with specific  
16 guidelines and criteria, for a city or town that wishes to develop or foster a cultural district.  
17 Executive branch agencies, constitutional offices and quasi-governmental agencies shall identify  
18 programs and services that support and enhance the development of cultural districts and ensure  
19 that those programs and services are accessible to such districts. The council shall consult with  
20 the Massachusetts historical commission in developing and establishing criteria and guidelines  
21 regarding preservation and reuse of historic buildings.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, executive branch  
23 agencies, constitutional offices and quasi-governmental agencies including, but not limited to,  
24 the council and historic preservation programs, shall review and revise regulations and other  
25 economic development tools, including the evaluative criteria of such historic preservation  
26 programs, in order to support and encourage the development and success of state-designated  
27 cultural districts.

28 SECTION 4. Section 1 of chapter 30B of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
29 inserting after the word “section”, in line 6, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, the  
30 following word:- 11C or section.

31 SECTION 5. Said section 1 of said chapter 30B is hereby further amended by inserting  
32 after the word “commonwealth”, in line 12, as so appearing, the following words:- , except as  
33 pertains to subsection (i) of section 16.

34 SECTION 6. Said section 1 of said chapter 30B, as most recently amended by section 41  
35 of chapter 25 of the acts of 2009, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

36 (f) This chapter shall be deemed to have been complied with on all purchases made from  
37 a vendor pursuant to a General Services Administration federal supply schedule that is available  
38 for use by governmental bodies.

39 SECTION 7. Section 2 of said chapter 30B is hereby amended by inserting after the  
40 definition of “Contractor”, as so appearing, the following 2 definitions:-

41 “Cooperative purchasing”, procurement conducted by, or on behalf of, more than 1  
42 public procurement unit or by a public procurement unit with an external procurement activity.

43 “Electronic bidding”, the electronic solicitation and receipt of offers to contract for  
44 supplies and services; provided, however, that offers may be accepted and contracts may be  
45 entered into by use of electronic bidding.

46 SECTION 8. Said section 2 of said chapter 30B is hereby further amended by inserting  
47 after the definition of “Employment agreement”, as so appearing, the following definition:-

48 “External procurement activity”, (a) a public agency not located in the commonwealth  
49 which would qualify as a public procurement unit; (b) buying by the United States government.

50 SECTION 9. Said section 2 of said chapter 30B is hereby further amended by inserting  
51 after the definition of “Labor relations representative”, as so appearing, the following definition:-

52 “Local public procurement unit”, a political subdivision or unit thereof which expends  
53 public funds for the procurement of supplies.

54 SECTION 10. Said section 2 of said chapter 30B is hereby further amended by inserting  
55 after the definition of “Proposal”, as so appearing, the following definition:-

56 “Public procurement unit”, a local public procurement unit or a state public procurement  
57 unit.