

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2436**

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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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
5 section 52 the following section:-

6 Section 52A. (a) The council shall establish criteria and guidelines for state-designated  
7 cultural districts. A cultural district shall be a geographical area of a city or town with a  
8 concentration of cultural facilities located within it. Cultural districts shall attract artists and  
9 cultural enterprises to a community, encourage business and job development, establish tourist  
10 destinations, preserve and reuse historic buildings, enhance property values and foster local  
11 cultural development. The council shall assist a city or town if the city or town wishes to develop  
12 or foster a cultural district. The council shall develop an application process, with specific  
13 guidelines and criteria, for a city or town that wishes to develop or foster a cultural district.  
14 Executive branch agencies, constitutional offices and quasi-governmental agencies shall identify

15 programs and services that support and enhance the development of cultural districts and ensure  
16 that those programs and services are accessible to such districts. The council shall consult with  
17 the Massachusetts historical commission in developing and establishing criteria and guidelines  
18 regarding preservation and reuse of historic buildings.

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

25 SECTION 3. Section 1 of chapter 30B of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
26 inserting after the word “section”, in line 6, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, the  
27 following word:- 11C or section.

28 SECTION 4. Said section 1 of said chapter 30B is hereby further amended by inserting  
29 after the word “commonwealth”, in line 12, as so appearing, the following words:- except as  
30 pertains to subsection (i) of section 16.

31 SECTION 5. Said section 1 of said chapter 30B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
32 amended by adding the following subsection:-

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

36 SECTION 6. Section 2 of said chapter 30B is hereby amended by inserting after the  
37 definition of “Contractor”, as so appearing, the following 2 definitions:-

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

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

43 SECTION 7. Said section 2 of said chapter 30B is hereby further amended by inserting  
44 after the definition of “Employment agreement”, as so appearing, the following definition:-

45 “External procurement activity” means: (a) any public agency not located in this State  
46 which would qualify as a public procurement unit; (b) buying by the United States government.

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

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

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

53 “Public procurement unit”, a local public procurement unit or a state public procurement  
54 unit.