

AN ACT relating to the printing of the present session of the Legislature.

The people of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Immediately after the passage of this act the Secretary of State shall advertise by posting up printed notices in the village of Madison for sealed proposals for doing the printing of the two houses of the legislature for its present session: said advertisement shall divide and classify the printing of the two houses as follows: First, The incidental printing comprising all printing incident to the business of the two houses, and Second, The printing in pamphlet form of the journals of both houses, and the laws: each class to be a separate job, and provided for by separate contract: said advertisement shall require specifications in the bids as follows: price of composition per thousand ~~and~~ ~~and~~ price of paper—cost of press-work, and in work where it may be necessary, the cost of binding including the folding and stitching. Such sealed proposals shall be addressed to the secretary of state, and shall be endorsed on the outside "proposals for incidental printing" or "proposals for the journals and laws" as the case may be, and the place of receiving them shall be at the secretary's office at the seat of government, and the time at which such bids, shall cease to be received shall for the incidental printing be within four days from the time of issuing such advertisement, and for the printing of the journals and laws within three weeks, but the day and the time of day shall be specified in the advertisement a specimen of the quality of paper required in the work, and of the style of the work generally shall be kept in the Secretary's office subject to inspection.

SEC. 2. Immediately after and not until the expiration of the time for receiving such proposals they shall be opened by the secretary of state aforesaid in the presence of the treasurer of the state, and such of the bidders as may choose to be present, and after examination the said secretary shall proceed to let each class of printing to the lowest bidder: provided such bid does not exceed the price now paid for such printing and after such letting he shall immediately notify the successful bidder, that he has been chosen to do the work, and he shall also transmit immediately to each house an abstract of the bids received, with the name or names of the successful bidder or bidders for such action as the legislature may

deem necessary: and it shall be the duty of the person or persons to whom the printing has been awarded to execute to said secretary a good and sufficient bond or bonds of security to be approved by the governor for the faithful performance of the work, said bond for incidental printing to be executed within two days from the notification of the award: and in the case of the laws and journals within three weeks from such notification which bond or bonds shall be filed in the said secretary's office subject to acceptance or rejection by the legislature; and it shall be the duty of the secretary of state to report a copy of said bond or bonds to each house

SEC. 3. After the execution, approval and acceptance of the bond of security, the person or persons to whom the incidental and other printing has been awarded shall be the printer to do said work for the two houses, during the term for which he or they were chosen, and no account from any other person or persons shall be considered or allowed for any such printing.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state within one week from the passage of any law or joint resolution to furnish to the person or persons appointed to print the laws a correct copy of the same, and it shall be the duty of the person or persons so appointed to furnish within three weeks of the close of this session of the legislature to the secretary of state at his office, the prescribed number of copies of laws completed according to contract. It shall be the duty of the chief clerk of each house or such other officer as the legislature may direct to furnish to the printer or printers aforesaid within ten days of the close of this session a correct copy of the journals of the respective houses, and the printer or printers aforesaid shall furnish at the office of the secretary aforesaid before the commencement of the next session of the legislature the prescribed number of journals completed according to contract.

N. E. WHITESIDE,

Speaker of the Assembly.

JOHN E. HOLMES,

President of the Senate.

Approved, June 17th, 1848.

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