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5 tracts, in the name of the State of New Jersey. The term of office and employment
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7 vacant. All other officers and employees now employed by the State House Com-
8 mission and or the State Purchasing Agent under or by virtue of or pursuant to
9 chapter sixty-eight of the laws of one thousand nine hundred and sixteen shall, at

10 the expiration of ninety days from the time this act becomes a law, cease to hold such
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17 commissioner or any other board or commission or officer by transfer, employment
18 or appointment, his status shall be as one continuing in the employment of the State
19 with respect of all his rights and privileges under the civil service of this State or
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8 single using agencies so far as their needs differ; to fix physical or chemical formulæ
9 and otherwise to determine the service, quality, fitness and suitability of any or all
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13 for tests or analyses made in any State laboratory. The fees required by any State
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21 any article required by it to the end that the actual needs of the several using agencies
22 shall be determined by each of them. Every veto shall be accompanied by a written
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20 accompanying requisitions. The bills therefor shall be paid by the State Treasurer
21 upon the Comptroller's warrant.

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3 to his satisfaction that by reason of the excess of transportation cost, a lower price
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5 and sixteen, and any and all supplements thereto and amendments thereof, and all
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7 shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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8 mission and/or the State Purchasing Agent under or by virtue of or pursuant to
9 chapter sixty-eight of the laws of one thousand nine hundred and sixteen shall
10 be transferred to the said State Purchasing Department to hold the same offices or
11 employments so far as the same may be practicable, and his or her status shall be
12 as one continuing in the employment of the State with respect of all his rights and
13 privileges under the civil service of this State or under any pension law or retire-
14 ment system, or any other law, and shall retain all such rights and privileges as may
15 be pertinent to his status in the service of the State.

1 7. The State Purchase Commissioner may maintain and operate warehouses, and
2 other storage places, and arrange with vendors for whole or partial deliveries to such
3 warehouses or other storage places or directly to using agencies, as he may deem neces-
4 sary or expedient.

1 8. The State Purchase Commissioner may combine or otherwise reorganize
2 any or all of the existing laboratories, warehouses, other storage places and office
3 divisions under his jurisdiction and control, in the State Purchasing Department, as
4 he may deem advisable, subject to the approval of the Governor.

1 9. A Standards and Specifications Committee is hereby created. It shall consist
2 of three (3) members, to wit: the State Purchase Commissioner, the Chairman of
3 the State Highway Commission or his nominee, and the Commissioner of Insti-
4 tutions and Agencies or his nominee.

5 Said committee is authorized and directed to determine and establish and from
6 time to time change standards and specifications according to the needs of all using
7 agencies as far as their needs are in common and for groups of using agencies or for
8 single using agencies so far as their needs differ; to fix physical or chemical formulæ
9 and otherwise to determine the service, quality, fitness and suitability of any or all
10 articles tendered or furnished; to make avail for such purposes of the existing lab-
11 oratories maintained by the State; to establish a list of other public or private labora-
12 tories whose tests and analyses will be accepted, and to fix the fees required to be paid
13 for tests or analyses made in any State laboratory. The fees required by any State
14 or other laboratory for any analysis or test made by any prospective vendor, prior to
15 the award of a contract, shall be paid by such prospective vendor. Inspection analy-
16 ses or tests shall be at the expense of the State.

17 Each using agency shall be afforded hearings from time to time under rules and
18 regulations prescribed by the said committee, to assist in formulating and establish-
19 ing common suitable standards and specifications so far as practicable. Said using
20 agencies or any of them, however, may veto any standard or specification covering
21 any article required by it to the end that the actual needs of the several using agencies
22 shall be determined by each of them. Every veto shall be accompanied by a written
23 statement of the reasons therefor.

24 In the event that any using agency shall veto any standard or specification as de-
25 termined by said committee, it shall forthwith formulate and submit to said commit-
26 tee such written standard or specification as it shall adjudge proper for its needs, and
27 thereupon the same shall be deemed to be the standard or specification for such
28 article so far as the said using agency is concerned, *provided, however*, that all ar-
29 ticles are to be purchased, nevertheless, in accordance with the provisions and require-
30 ments of this act.

31 The State Purchase Commissioner shall certify all vetoes and the reasons ac-
31½ companying the same to the Governor.

32 In the purchase of all articles, the standards and specifications determined and
33 established as aforesaid shall be adhered to and complied with, and no deviation shall
34 be made or permitted, without the written consent of the Governor in each instance
35 first had and obtained.

36 Any using agency may reject or refuse to accept any article delivered or ten-
37 dered which fails to comply with the standards and specifications applicable to such
38 article and to such using agency.

1 10. Each using agency shall, at the times and in the form and for the periods
2 prescribed by the State Purchase Commissioner, present to him detailed applica-
3 tions and schedules for all articles to be purchased. He shall thereupon make a
4 requisition upon the State Comptroller for the amount of money estimated to be nec-
5 essary to defray the cost thereof, indicating the appropriations and/or authoriza-
6 tions to spend funds against which the proposed purchases will be charged. Such
7 requisitions shall be approved by the Comptroller unless it shall appear that the free
8 balance of any appropriation and/or authorization to spend is not sufficient to cover
9 the charge proposed against it, and in that event the requisition shall be rejected as to

10 such charges only, and approved as to all others. The State Purchase Commissioner
11 shall then arrange such schedules or parts thereof as are included in or covered by the
12 approved requisition, for purchase and contract, and for advertising when, as, and
13 if required, in the manner best calculated to attract competition and advantageous
14 prices. He shall prescribe the terms and conditions for delivery, inspection, pay-
15 ment and all other detail whatsoever. The bills for such purchases shall be appor-
16 tioned by the State Purchase Commissioner among the requisitioning agencies in
17 proportion to the purchases made therefor, and certified as apportioned to the State
18 Comptroller, to be charged against the respective appropriations and/or authorizations
19 to spend as indicated by the certificate of the State Purchase Commissioner and the
20 accompanying requisitions. The bills therefor shall be paid by the State Treasurer
21 upon the Comptroller's warrant.

1 11. The State Purchase Commissioner shall have power, by written order, to
2 permit purchases to be made by any using agency directly whenever it shall appear
3 to his satisfaction that by reason of the excess of transportation cost, a lower price
4 with equal quality can be obtained by the using agency, or as in the case of fresh veg-
5 etables, fish, eggs, milk and the like perishable articles, where the using agencies are
6 widely scattered and there are nearby local markets. Such permission shall be re-
7 vocable and shall be issued for a fixed amount only and not in excess of one thou-
8 sand dollars and prescribe the articles to be purchased, and shall be operative for a
9 period not exceeding one month from the date of issue. At the expiration of such
10 time, the authority shall lapse and an additional direct purchase order shall be requi-
11 site for any such purchases. Such using agencies receiving such permission shall
12 report in writing each month to the State Purchase Commissioner their acts and ex-
13 penditures under such orders with proper evidence that competition has been secured.

1 12. The State Purchase Commissioner shall award contracts or orders for pur-
2 chase to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a proposal for the same.

1 13. The State Purchase Commissioner, in the performance of his duties under
2 this act, shall be subject to the provisions of all laws of this State applicable to the
3 expenditure of public moneys not inconsistent herewith and he shall make an annual
4 detailed report to the Governor of his operations under this act and render such other
5 reports to the Governor as he shall demand from time to time.

1 14. All purchase contracts now outstanding and unfilled shall pass to and be
2 completed by the State Purchase Commissioner. No new contracts or purchases shall
3 be made except in accordance with the provisions of this act.

1 15. The proceedings of the State Purchase Commissioner under this act shall be
2 open to the citizens of the State and all records, contracts, orders and schedules shall
3 be public records, open to the inspection of any citizen or interested person, firm or
4 corporation, at all reasonable hours.

1 16. Agreements for purchases may be made in the form of contracts for the fur-
2 nishing of specific articles at fixed prices, or for the furnishing of articles according
3 to the specifications at a fixed rate with provision for a minimum amount subject to
4 increase at the same rate or for the furnishing of articles according to specifications
5 without a stated minimum or maximum at a rate stated, commonly known as the "price
6 agreement" at the discretion of the State Purchase Commissioner.

1 17. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter, amend or repeal any
2 provision of any law of this State relating to the purchase or use of the products of
3 the labor of the inmates of any charitable, reformatory or penal institution of this
4 State.

1 18. Chapter sixty-eight, laws of one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, being
2 an act entitled "An act concerning the purchase of all furniture, equipment, mate-
3 rial, supplies, printing and stationery, for the use of the State and the State institu-
4 tions, boards, commissions and officers," approved March sixteenth, nineteen hundred
5 and sixteen, and any and all supplements thereto and amendments thereof, and all
6 acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed, and this act
7 shall take effect July first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.