

LOCAL LAW TO BE ENACTED BY
THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
IN THE
COUNTY OF ERIE
LOCAL LAW INTRO. – NO. 13-1 - 2017
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A LOCAL LAW amending Local Law No. 1 of 1959, as amended, otherwise known as the Erie County Charter requiring all County contracts over \$10,000 be awarded to American based companies using American manufactured materials, also known as the Made in America Act.

SECTION 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this honorable body to show support for American manufacturers and workers. Erie County contracts to buy millions of dollars of goods and services each year. This honorable body wishes to support local American based companies and workers by requiring all Erie County contracts over \$10,000 include a provision guaranteeing the use of American made materials.

SECTION 2. Amendment to the Erie County Charter

Amend Article 2, Section 202(10) of the Erie County Charter to read as follows:

Section 202. Powers and Duties

10. To award contracts submitted to it for approval on bids or otherwise and to determine whether acceptance of any bid or award of any proposed contract will best promote the public interest. In the awarding of contracts, the first consideration shall be given to the best promotion of the public interest subject to the following requirements. All contracts of \$10,000 or more entered into by the County of Erie, its departments, or affiliates shall include provisions that guarantee all goods and materials purchased under said contract shall be manufactured or produced in whole or substantial part, in the United States. The County may enter into contracts utilizing non-domestic materials upon a declaration by the County Executive stating that to do otherwise is not in the best interests of the residents of Erie County and shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the County Legislature.

SECTION 3. Referendum

This Local Law shall be submitted for the approval/disapproval of the voters of Erie County at the next general election.

SECTION 4. Effective Date

If approved by the voters of Erie County, this local law shall take effect on the first day of January, in the year immediately following such approval.

SECTION 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof, to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional such order of judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Sponsor: Legislator Ted B. Morton