



# Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

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## Summary Senate Bill 328, P.N. 326

### Prime Sponsor: Senator Eichelberger

- Amends the Flood Control Law
- Increases the minimum amount which must be bid through a public advertising process from \$4,000 to \$25,000 for flood control projects performed by the Water and Power Resources Board
- Requires the project amount by increased annually based on a percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumer as calculated by the Department of Labor and Industry
- The annual adjustment shall be calculated between October 1 and November 15 each year and published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*
- Prohibits board members from attempting to evade the advertising requirements by entering into a series of purchases or contracts piecemeal so as to obtain contracts under the required advertising price
- Board members who knowingly evade the advertising requirements by engaging in piecemeal procurement shall be jointly and severally subject to surcharge for 10% of the full amount of the contract or purchase price that was approved
- Effective immediately.

Note: The Water & Power Resources Board (Board) was abolished by Act 275 of 1970, which created the Department of Environmental Resources (DER). The functions of the Board were transferred to the new DER. Act 18 of 1995 renamed DER the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and also created the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The functions of the original Board are currently retained by DEP (Act 175 of 1929 §1908-A).