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The Board of Public Works, as constituted under Article XII of the Constitution, [and § 196 of Article 41,] shall have and exercise such powers and duties as may be delegated to it from time to time in regard to the creation of State debt, the fixing of interest thereon, the terms and conditions thereof, the preparation of certificates of indebtedness and the advertising and sale thereof. All contracts for the expenditure of the proceeds of any loan authorized by any act of the General Assembly shall be subject to the approval of [said] THE Board before [the same] THEY are executed, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

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(1) The Board of Public Works shall in like manner supervise the expenditure of all sums appropriated for the acquisition of land, buildings, equipment, new construction and other capital expenditures, except in connection with State roads, bridges and highways, whether made through the medium of a budget bill, a supplementary appropriation bill or a State bond issue bill, and all contracts for the expenditure [thereof] OF SUMS SO APPROPRIATED shall be subject to the approval of [said] THE Board before [the same] THEY are executed, after review by the Secretary of General Services. THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW, BY WHICH STATE DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, INSTITUTIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES MAY ENTER INTO CAPITAL PROJECT RELATED CONTRACTS AND CHANGE ORDERS PRIOR TO OR WITHOUT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVAL, PROVIDED (I) THAT THE SUBJECT MATTER OF EACH CONTRACT FALLS WITHIN AN EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION ESTABLISHED FOR THIS PURPOSE BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, (II) THAT THE AGGREGATE ANNUAL DOLLAR VALUE OF EACH CONTRACT AND ITS ATTENDANT CHANGE ORDERS IS LESS THAN A MONETARY THRESHOLD ESTABLISHED FOR THE APPLICABLE EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, (III) THAT THE MONETARY THRESHOLDS BE SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO FREE THE BOARD FROM DIRECT REVIEW OF RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT ITEMS WHILE NOT IMPAIRING THE STRONG PUBLIC POLICY IN FAVOR OF DIRECT BOARD REVIEW OF ITEMS HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL FISCAL IMPACT, AND (IV) THAT AN ACCOUNTABILITY OR REPORTING SYSTEM APPROVED BY THE BOARD IS ESTABLISHED TO INFORM THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ACTIONS TAKEN BY AGENCIES UNDER AUTHORITIES GRANTED THEM BY THE BOARD. Except as may be otherwise permitted by other provisions of law regarding emergencies, all State construction contracts in excess of \$10,000 shall be awarded on a competitive basis. However, the Board of Public Works may approve the award of such contracts to other than the lowest bidder if the Board determines that to be in the best interest of the State.

(6) The Board may waive the requirements of paragraph (1) of this section as to awarding [such] OF contracts on a competitive basis if: