

Supervisors of Elections, the Treasurer, the State's Attorney, or whichever of them, and whatever officers of said county are entitled to demand of the County Commissioners of said county payment for the same, shall annually, on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and in each and every year thereafter, make requisition upon the County Commissioners of said county for such dockets, record books, registration books, stationery and other similar articles, as will be needed in their respective offices for the proper conduct thereof, during the succeeding year, and for the supply of which, and the payment for which, the County Commissioners are by law responsible; and the County Commissioners shall thereupon, by advertisement inserted once a week for three successive weeks, in said month of January, in two newspapers published in said county, one of which, if possible, shall be of opposite political faith from them, or a majority of them, and in one newspaper published in the city of Baltimore, invite sealed proposals for the furnishing of all such dockets, record books, registration books, stationery and other similar articles; and also for such record books, stationery and other similar articles as will be needed by the County Commissioners themselves or their clerk in the proper conduct of their office during said year; and also for such additional articles of the same character, at the same rates as may be required for said office, and for which the County Commissioners are responsible during such year; such proposals shall be delivered to the County Commissioners on or before the first Tuesday in February following, and shall at said meeting be opened and read aloud by the County Commissioners, and shall remain on file in their office open to the inspection of the public; they shall thereupon award the contract for the same to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall be required to deliver the same as and when needed for the use of said respective offices; and no such books, stationery or other similar articles for which requisition has been made, and contracts so awarded, and for which the County Commissioners are responsible, shall be purchased by the County Commissioners, except under such contract. All printed notices and newspaper advertisements, and all printed blank forms, ballots and other printed matter, except such as in included in the preceding section, required by law to be given, published or used by, or such as is needed for the proper conduct of the office of the Clerk of the Court, the Register of Wills, the Sheriff, the Board of County School Commissioners, the officers of registration, the Supervisors of Elections, the State's Attorney and the Treasurer of said county, for the supply of which, and the payment for which, the County Commissioners are by law responsible, shall be made known to the County Commissioners, in the same manner and at the same time, by requisition upon them as directed by the preceding section, and the County Commissioners shall thereupon, by advertisement inserted, annually, once a week, for three successive weeks, in the month of January, as aforesaid, in two newspapers published in said county, one of which, if possible, shall be of opposite political faith from them, or a majority of them, invite sealed proposals from the various printing and newspaper offices of said county