

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 is 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 advertisements 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 for the printing and publishing of the same, and also for such printed notices, blank forms and advertisements, as said County Commissioners, or their clerk, may be required to use or give during the year succeeding the date of the contract to be awarded thereunder; said advertisements shall specify as far as it is practicable the character of material and work for which proposals are so invited, and in such advertisements proposals for the newspaper advertising shall be invited separately and distinct from the other printed notices, blank forms, ballots and other such printed matter. The proposals shall be opened and read aloud in public by the county commissioners at their meeting on the first Tuesday in February of each year, and shall remain on file in their office, open to the inspection of the public. The contract for supplying during the ensuing year the printed notices (other than newspaper advertisements), the blank forms, the ballots and other such printed matter, shall thereupon be

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