

awarded by them to the lowest responsible bidder for the same, who shall be required to do the work connected therewith and to deliver the same when and as required by the county commissioners or the officers aforesaid. The contract for the newspaper advertising for which proposals were so invited during the ensuing year shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder for the same, unless for reasons, not of a political character, the county commissioners shall in open session by resolution determine that the interests of the county demand otherwise, and the resolution so to be adopted shall contain the reasons and shall be recorded among their proceedings and be open to the inspection of the public. All bids for such newspaper advertising shall contain an affidavit of the editor or publisher of the newspaper making the same, setting forth a true statement of the actual number of existing paying subscribers to such newspaper at the time of such affidavit, and before awarding the contract the books of such editor or publisher may be required by the county commissioners to be produced before them in verification thereof. If they deem it advisable so to do, the county commissioners may require the person or persons to whom any of the contracts shall be awarded mentioned in this or in the preceding section to execute a reasonable bond to the State of Maryland, with sureties satisfactory to the county commissioners, conditional upon the faithful performance of the contract so entered into.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 2, 1896.

CHAPTER 270.

AN ACT to amend Article 4 of the Code of Local Laws, title "City of Baltimore," by adding thereto a new section, under the sub-title "Destroying Maliciously," to follow section 251, and to be numbered Section 251 A.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," be and the same is hereby amended by adding a section thereto, under the sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously," to follow section 251 thereof, to be numbered section 251 A. New section.