CHAPTER 327.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Article 80 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Reporter State;" and to re-enact the same with amendments under the title "State Reporter and Codifier," and to provide for the publication of the reports of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, and the compilation and publication of a Code of Public General Laws and Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article 80 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

State Reporter and Codifier.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the State Reporter and Codifier shall be appointed by the Judges of the Court of Appeals and shall hold his office for the term of four years unless sooner removed by said judges, and shall be styled "The State Reporter and Codifier," and shall be re-eligible from time to time.

Salary.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* The State Reporter and Codifier shall receive from the Treasurer of the State a salary of three thousand dollars per year, in monthly instalments.

Sealed proposals.

Contract to be awarded.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* The said Reporter shall, on or about the third Wednesday of April in the year of 1904, advertise in three newspapers published in this State, once a week, for four successive weeks, that sealed proposals will be received at his office in the City of Annapolis, on the first Wednesday in June in the year 1904, for the publication of reports of the decisions of the Court of Appeals of Maryland for the term of five years beginning on said named date according to the terms of the contract hereinafter set forth, and every five years thereafter he shall advertise in like manner for similar proposals. The contract shall be awarded to such person or persons or corporation as shall agree to print and publish all said reports on terms most advantageous to the public; and the contract shall embody the following provisions: The said reports shall be printed on first-class book paper, not inferior in printing or paper to Volume 96 of the Maryland Reports, and shall contain not less than seven hundred pages, exclusive of the index and tables of cases and statutes, and shall be uniform in size, style and form with said Volume 96, Maryland Reports; nor less than twelve