

that said Board will receive bids for, based upon specifications to be furnished to all who may apply for the same, the stationery, record and blank books, and such other materials of a like nature as may be needed for the following departments of the State government, to wit: The Court of Appeals and Library of the State, the Executive Department, the General Assembly of Maryland for the year during which the same may be in session, and each of the bids made in accordance with such advertisements shall be transmitted to the said Board of Public Works on or before the time specified therefor in said advertisement, together with a bond to the State of Maryland, with a penalty of twenty thousand dollars, with two or more sureties, conditioned for the due, prompt and faithful compliance with the contract entered into, if such bid shall be accepted; and said Board shall, on that day, at or near twelve o'clock M. of said day, not before, open such bids in the presence of such bidders and other persons as may choose to attend, and award the contract for such supplies to the lowest responsible bidder who shall have filed with his bid a bond satisfactory to said Board of Public Works; and said Board shall be the judge of the sufficiency of said bond, and no bid shall be considered by said Board unless accompanied by such bond.

Must file satisfactory bond.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the State Librarian for and on behalf of the Court of Appeals, on behalf of the General Assembly for the year in which the same may be in session, and on behalf of the State Library; the Secretary of State for and on behalf of the Executive Department; to furnish said Board of Public Works, before the first day of June, in each year, specifications for the stationery, account books, record books and other materials of like character necessary to the work of the above-mentioned departments in each and every year, and for the General Assembly specifications shall be drawn by the State Librarian for the bids for the year during which the General Assembly shall hold its sessions.

Duty of State Librarian.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That said Board of Public Works shall immediately, upon determining the lowest responsible bidder, award said contract to said bidder, and notify him thereof; and it shall ten days thereafter enter into contract with said bidder for the supplies so enumerated; and if from any cause said bidder shall fail to enter into said contract, the said Board of Public Works shall award the contract to the next lowest responsible bidder, who shall have filed his bond as directed in Section 1.

Awarding contract.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall bid for said stationery, books and materials of a like character necessary for said departments, and fail to enter into contract with the said Board of Public Works, it shall be the duty of the Attorney-General of the State to enter suit in the name of the State of Maryland against the bond of said bidder for the amount of the difference between said bid and the next lowest responsible bid-

Failure to enter into contract.