

the first day of July in the year in which said contract shall be made, all matters required by law to be published by said County Commissioners, except such matters relating to the registering of voters and to elections, as may be required by law to be published by the Supervisors of Elections of said county, or such other registration and election officials as may be charged with the duty of publishing such registration and election matters in said county, in two newspapers to be selected by said County Commissioners, and in not more than two published in said Charles County, bona fide representing the two opposing political parties which at the last election before the making of such contracts polled respectively the largest number of votes cast in said county; provided, said County Commissioners shall not allow as compensation or consideration for publishing to be contracted for as aforesaid, nor shall they levy or pay therefor an amount exceeding in the aggregate for both such newspapers the sum of six hundred dollars in any one year; and provided further, if the owners or publishers of one of such newspapers, selected as aforesaid, shall fail or refuse, after reasonable notice, to enter into a contract for such publishing as may be required of them under the provisions of this Act, then if there be no other newspaper published in said Charles County bona fide representing the political party of the newspaper whose owners or publishers shall have failed or refused to enter into contract for publishing as aforesaid, whose owners or publishers shall be willing to enter into contract for publishing as aforesaid, the contract shall be made for publishing as aforesaid in the one newspaper whose owners and publishers shall be willing to enter into the contract; or if there be not, in the judgment of the said County Commissioners, in any year, two newspapers published in said Charles County bona fide representing the two opposing political parties which at the last election before the making of such contract or contracts polled, respectively, the largest number of votes in said county, the County Commissioners may contract for publishing as aforesaid with the owners and publishers of such one or two newspapers published in said county as they may select; and provided further, if the owners or publishers of all the newspapers that may be published in said Charles County shall refuse, in any year, to enter into contract with the said County Commissioners for publishing as herein provided, then the said County Commissioners may make such publication of matters required by law to be published by them as in their judgment may best subserve the public interest.

Failure to enter into a contract.

Refusal to enter into a contract.