

Awarding contract. of said school house by bids in the usual form, awarding the same to the lowest responsible bidder, provided said bid does not exceed four hundred and fifty dollars.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1904

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CHAPTER 546.

AN ACT to add two additional sections to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously," to be known as Sections 59C and 59D.

Destroying property maliciously. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously," be and the same is hereby amended by the addition of two new sections to be inserted after Section 59B, and to be known as Sections 59C and 59D, and to read as follows:

Destroying or tampering with water meters. 59C. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to wrongfully and maliciously connect, disconnect, tap or interfere or tamper with any of the canals, springs, reservoirs, tunnels, mounds, dams, plugs, mains, pipes, conduits, connections, taps, valves, engines and machinery belonging to any company using or engaged in the supplying of water for domestic, agricultural or manufacturing purposes, or either of them; or to make any connection with any of such canals, springs, reservoirs, tunnels, mounds, dams, plugs, mains, pipes, conduits, connections, taps, valves, engines and machinery, for the purpose of wasting or using such water, or to in any wise tamper with any meters used to register the water consumed, unless such person or persons shall be duly authorized by or be in the employ of such company; provided, that nothing in this Act shall in any way interfere with the lawful supervision and control of water companies, their canals, springs, reservoirs, tunnels, mounds, dams, plugs, mains, pipes, conduits, connections, taps, valves, engines and machinery by the municipalities; nor shall anything in this Act interfere with any right now existing in any municipality to pass ordinances relating to and regulating such water companies.

Proviso.