of the interest on the bonds or certificates of debt hereby created, and the balance invested by the Treasurer in the bonds hereby authorized to be issued, or other bonds of the State.

To purchase a suitable lot

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the Board of Public Works of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to purchase a suitable lot or parcel of land, for the purposes of this act; provided, however, they shall not pay for the same or any part thereof until they shall be satisfied as to the title to the same, that it is good, and the owner or owners thereof shall have conveyed all his, her or their interest in the same, both at law and in equity, to the State of Maryland, by a good and sufficient deed or deeds, in fee simple, absolute, to be approved by said Board of Public Works of the State.

Erect buildings

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That after the purchase of said lot or parcel of land by the said Board of Public Works of the State, as authorized in the third section of this act, they are hereby authorized and directed to erect or cause to be erected, such buildings as in their judgment may be necessary for the purposes of this act; provided, that the entire cost of the erection of the said buildings and improvements, including the purchase of the grounds and the furnishing of said building, shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, appropriated in this act.

Invite sealed proposals

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That the said Board of Public Works of the State, before entering into any contract for the construction or erection of such buildings or improvements, as they may deem necessary, upon said purchased premises, shall invite sealed proposals for said work, upon specifications furnished, by publication in at least two of the daily newspapers published in Baltimore city, for at least ten days beforehand; and said sealed proposals shall be opened upon a day and at an hour specified in said publication, in the presence of all such interested parties as may wish to be present, and the contract for such buildings and improvements shall be awarded by them to the lowest responsible bidder; provided, that the party or parties entering into said contract shall first give and execute to the said

Award contract