

the first thousand copies printed of either, and the rate of thirty-three per cent. less for each additional thousand copies; but no printing not hereinbefore enumerated shall be paid for unless upon an order stating the cost of the same and passed by a yea and nay vote of either the senate or house, and each of the bids so made shall be transmitted to the board of public works on or before the time specified therefor in said advertisement, together with a bond to the State of Maryland in the penalty of thirty thousand dollars, with two or more sureties conditioned for the due, prompt and faithful compliance with the contract to be entered into, if such bid shall be accepted; and said board of public works shall on that day, at or near 12 o'clock M. of said day and 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 entire printing as aforesaid to the lowest responsible bidder who shall have filed with his bid a bond satisfactory to said board of public works, and said board of public works shall be the judge of the sufficiency of said bond, and no bid shall be considered by said board of public works unless accompanied by such bond. And it is further provided, that said board of public works shall not receive any bid which shall be for a greater amount than twenty-two thousand dollars, and should no bid within this amount be received by the said board of public works, said board shall then advertise for bids immediately after the first day above fixed for receiving said bids, in the same manner and under the same conditions hereinbefore set forth for the first advertisement.

As to the Maryland reports and the civil and criminal codes, see art. 80.

1904, art. 77, sec. 2. 1904, ch. 319, sec. 2. 1908, ch. 206.

2. Said board of public works shall immediately upon determining the lowest responsible bidder award said contract to said bidder and notify him thereof, and said board shall, within ten days thereafter, enter into contract with said bidder for the printing so enumerated, and if from any cause said bidder shall fail to enter into said contract, said board shall award the contract to the next lowest responsible bidder who shall have filed his bond as directed in section 1; provided, however, that if the bid of the next lowest responsible bidder exceeds the sum of twenty-two* thousand dollars as aforesaid, the said board shall not award him the said contract, but shall proceed to readvertise for proposals as provided in the preceding section.

Ibid. sec. 3. 1904, ch. 319, sec. 3.

3. If any person shall bid for said printing and shall fail to enter into contract with said board, it shall be the duty of the attorney-general

*Prior to the act of 1908, ch. 206, amending section 1 of article 78, this section read "twenty-five thousand dollars" (conforming to section 1 as it stood prior to said act). Although the act of 1908, ch. 206, contains no express reference to section 2 (article 78), it seems necessarily to impliedly amend the portion of section 2 providing for the maximum bid, and hence twenty-two thousand dollars is substituted (in section 2) for twenty-five thousand dollars, and sections 1 and 2 are thus harmonized.