

approval. After the invoice has been approved by the Bureau, it shall be the authority for the Comptroller to pay the amount due on the invoice either to the using authority for transmittal to the contractor or seller, or to the Bureau for the same purpose, according to whatever plan may be devised by the Bureau and the State officers, boards, departments, commissions, and institutions for the payment of such claims out of the amounts appropriated therefor by the General Assembly in the Budget Bill.

It shall be unlawful for any using authority whose salaries and expenses are paid from the fees of his office to pay any contractor or seller for articles of any kind, unless the invoice approved by him is also approved by the Bureau. Any violation of this provision shall be cause for removal by the Governor.

1920, ch. 184, sec. 5.

5. The Secretary or Purchasing Agent shall not be interested in or in any manner connected with, directly or indirectly, any contract or bid for furnishing materials, supplies, merchandise or other articles of any kind to any of the State officers, boards, departments, commissions and institutions. Neither shall he accept or receive from any person, firm or corporation to whom any contract may be awarded, directly or indirectly, by rebate, gift or otherwise, any money or other things of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future reward or compensation from any such party. If the Secretary or Purchasing Agent should violate any provisions of this section he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

1920, ch. 184, sec. 6.

6. All contracts for printing for the State or for any using authority, including the General Assembly of Maryland, with the exception of records and briefs for the State Law Department, and the printing of the Maryland Reports authorized in Article 80 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Reporter and Codifier—State," shall be made through or with the approval of the Bureau.

On or before September 1st prior to the reconvening of each session of the General Assembly, the Bureau shall obtain from the President and Secretary of the Senate, and from the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates, estimates of materials, supplies and equipment needed during the session; and the Bureau shall, pursuant to its rules, advertise for bids and make contracts for the purchase of such supplies and equipment, including the printing of bills for second and third reading files, and the printing of rules and orders and "yeas" and "nays" and the printing of the House and Senate Journals and lists of members and committees.

It shall be the duty of the Bureau to report its action in regard to materials, supplies and equipment for the General Assembly to the presiding officer of each House on the first day of the session.