

shall be made, and on failure of giving a satisfactory bond within a reasonable time, the said bid or bids shall be null and void, and the County Commissioners may re-advertise for new bids as herein provided, and should they give out any work amounting to more than three hundred (\$300) dollars at any time after this Act shall become effective, the party taking such contract or agreement, unless it shall have been by advertisement, as aforesaid, shall not be entitled to recover from the county the amount specified for the work so to be done.

1916, ch. 590. 1929, ch. 102.

77. The County Commissioners of Howard County are hereby authorized and directed to employ at an annual salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum, payable quarterly, one attorney-at-law, to act for and represent as legal adviser the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County, the Board of School Commissioners of Howard County, the County Treasurer and Collector of Howard County, the County Surveyor and Engineer of Howard County, and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Howard County, in all matters of a legal nature requiring the services of an attorney-at-law. The said attorney shall advise said Boards or individuals by his opinion in all legal matters referred to him by any of said Boards or individuals, and said attorney shall also appear in Court and defend all suits brought by or against any of said Boards or individuals acting in his, their or its official capacity.

HEALTH BOARD.

1910, ch. 315, sec. 45B (p. 907).

78. The Board of County Commissioners of Howard County shall, ex-officio, constitute a local Board of Health for Howard County, and shall have and exercise all the powers and duties of a board of health as provided in Article 43 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Health," although not specifically enumerated herein, except in so far as the provisions thereof may be inconsistent with the provisions of this subtitle; said local Board of Health shall have the general care of the sanitary interests of the people of Howard County; they shall make or cause to be made sanitary investigations in inquiries respecting the causes of disease, and especially epidemics and causes of mortality; they shall inquire into and investigate, or cause to be inquired into and investigated, all nuisances affecting the public health, comfort or property of the citizens of said county, or any city, town or village therein, and are authorized and empowered by information or petition filed in the name of said board to apply to the Judge, or any Judge of the Circuit Court for such county, in term time or vacation, for an injunction to restrain and prevent such nuisance, no matter by whom or what authority committed; and further, they shall have full power and authority to preserve the health of the county, to prevent and remove nuisances and to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases within said county.