

And provided further, that the Treasurer shall not pay the bills of any newspaper of the City of Baltimore for publishing such laws unless there be furnished with such bill an affidavit from the publisher of such newspaper (or one of its officers if such publisher be a corporation), that the rate at which such publication is charged for in said bill does not exceed the rate charged by such newspapers for publishing legal notices.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 4. 1912, sec. 4. 1904, sec. 4. 1888, sec. 4. 1865, ch. 31. 1870, ch. 274. 1872, ch. 410. 1874, ch. 32. 1902, ch. 390. 1908, ch. 257. 1935, ch. 341.

4. Every public local law made to take effect before the first day of June next after the session at which it may be passed, shall immediately after its passage be published once in each of three successive weeks in such newspaper or newspapers of the respective counties in which it may operate as the county commissioners of each county may direct; and in case such law is to be operative in the City of Baltimore, then once in each of three successive weeks in such daily newspaper or newspapers published in said city, as the mayor thereof may direct; and the mayor and city council of Baltimore and the county commissioners of the several counties shall provide for the payment of such publication; provided, that as to Prince George's County, the county commissioners thereof shall direct the publication of such laws once only in three newspapers published in different sections in said county, the papers designated for such work to be in the discretion of the county commissioners, the total cost of which shall not exceed \$600.00, and no discrimination shall be made by said commissioners as to the amount each of the three newspapers so designated shall receive for such work.

This section is directory but not mandatory, or a condition precedent. *Culp v. Commrs. of Chestertown*, 154 Md. 624.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 5. 1912, sec. 5. 1904, sec. 5. 1888, sec. 5. 1865, ch. 31. 1870, ch. 105. 1870, ch. 274.

5. A certified copy of every public local law made to take effect as aforesaid, shall immediately after its passage, be transmitted by mail, by the secretary of the senate (if the same originated in the senate) and by the chief clerk of the house of delegates (if the same originated in the house of delegates), to the county commissioners of the county or counties in which the same may operate, or to the mayor of the city of Baltimore, if the same is to operate in that city; and it shall be the duty of the said county commissioners and mayor, upon receipt of such certified copy, to have the same published as provided in the preceding section.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 6. 1912, sec. 6. 1904, sec. 6. 1888, sec. 6. 1870, ch. 105. 1870, ch. 174. 1870, ch. 274. 1872, ch. 410. 1874, ch. 32. 1886, ch. 216.

6. The two preceding sections shall not apply to Washington, Somerset Wicomico, Worcester or Dorchester Counties.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 7. 1912, sec. 7. 1904, sec. 7. 1888, sec. 7. 1870, ch. 281.

7. Whenever, in pursuance of the fifty-fourth section of article 3 of the constitution, any act of the general assembly, authorizing a county of this State to contract any debt or obligation in the construction of any railway, canal or other work of internal improvement, or to give or loan its credit to, or in aid of, any association or corporation, shall be published, it shall be the duty of such association or corporation, or of those indi-