

vote of either the senate or house; and each of the bids so made shall be transmitted to said clerk 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 clerk shall, on that day, at or near twelve o'clock M. of said day, and not before, open said bids in the presence of such bidders and other persons as may chose 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 clerk; and said clerk shall be the judge of the sufficiency of said bond, and no bid shall be considered by said clerk unless accompanied by such bond.

1886, ch. 492.

2. Said clerk shall immediately, upon determining the lowest responsible bidder, award said contract to said bidder, and notify him thereof; and he 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, the said clerk shall award the contract to the next lowest responsible bidder who shall have filed his bond as directed in section 1.

Ibid.

3. If any person shall bid for said printing and fail to enter into contract with the said clerk of the court of appeals, it shall be the duty of the attorney general of the State to enter suit in the name of the State of Maryland, against the bond of said bidder for the amount of the difference between said bid and the next lowest responsible bidder, in the circuit court for the county or superior court of Baltimore city, where said bidder resides, and said court shall enter judgment against said bond and issue execution thereon; and all moneys so received shall be transmitted to the comptroller of the treasury, and paid into the treasury of the State.

Ibid.

4. It shall be the duty of said clerk of the court of appeals to report to the general assembly on the first day of the session, the