

the duties of the county commissioners for said county in regard to the county printing.

Invite proposals.

SEC. 53. The County Commissioners for Prince George's county shall, annually, in the month of March, by a notice published in one newspaper of said county, at least two weeks consecutively before the final day named in their notice for the reception of bids, invite proposals to be made to them, on or before the last Monday in March, for all printing and publishing for Prince George's county, including the annual statement of county expenses, but not including publication of local laws, for the period of one year from said last Monday in March. Said bids shall be sealed and endorsed, "Proposals" for public printing for Prince George's county, and addressed to the clerk of the said commissioners, who shall safely keep all such proposals and deliver them to the county commissioners, to be by them publicly opened on the final day named in their notice inviting proposals, and the county commissioners shall open publicly the said bids and award the contract for all the printing and publishing for Prince George's county for the ensuing year to the lowest bidder of the two newspapers having the largest bona fide circulation in said county, provided said bid does not exceed the sum of six hundred dollars, and provided further that all printing under this section shall be given to some newspaper printed and published in Prince George's county, and in case of a tie in the bids preference shall be given to the paper having the largest bona fide circulation in said county.

Award contract.

Authorized to adopt mode.

SEC. 54. *And be it further enacted*, That if the said lowest bid does exceed the sum of six hundred dollars, then the county commissioners shall not award the contract to said lowest bidder, but in that event are authorized to adopt any mode of printing and advertising for said county, by handbills or otherwise, as in their judgment may seem best for the good of the county, provided the entire cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of six hundred dollars.