

chase to which said County is a party involving more than \$500.00 without advertising for bids.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "County Commissioners", said new section to be known as Section 162A, to follow immediately after Section 162 of said Article, and to read as follows:

162A. It shall be unlawful for the County Commissioners of Washington County, or any employee of said County, to enter into any contract of sale or purchase to which said County is a party, where the amount involved in said contract exceeds the sum of \$500.00 without advertising for bids in one or more newspapers published in said County, the publication of said advertisement to appear at least once a week prior to the date on which bids are to be filed. Any contract of sale shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder and any contract of purchase shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but said County Commissioners shall have the right to reject any and all bids. Any contract entered into in violation of the provisions of this section shall be null and void; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any contract or other transaction involving the deposit of County funds in any authorized State or Federal Banking institution and shall not apply to necessary repairs made in case of emergency.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1937.

Approved May 18, 1937.

CHAPTER 487.

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State debt in the aggregate amount of Nine Million, Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$9,052,000.00), the proceeds thereof to be used for the following purposes; for funding of accrued liability of the Teachers' Retirement Fund; for certain necessary building construction and equipment purposes of the State; for the restoration of highway funds to be allocated in the same proportion as said funds would have been allocated and distributed if said funds had not been transferred to the General Treasury of the State in the Budget for the years