

and the residence or character of workmen to be employed by the contractor, and especially so far as may be practicable, in the judgment of said commission, such reasonable and lawful conditions as will tend to confine employment on such work, in whole or in part, to permanent and bona fide residents of the State of Maryland only ; and provided, however, also that said commission, with the consent of three-fourths of all its members, may itself do any part or parts of any such work under such conditions in every respect as it may prescribe, by day labor, whenever the chief engineer in writing shall recommend that course ; in which event the said commission, in addition to its other powers in the premises, shall likewise be authorized to devise, promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as will make merit and personal fitness, ascertained by some system of open competition or registration, or both, the sole tests of eligibility for all positions or employments under its control which it may see fit to embrace within the scope of said rules and regulations, which, however, may be limited to permanent and bona fide residents of this State ; in any particular any and all bids or parts of bids for any such work or supplies or materials may be rejected ; provided, however, that all bids shall, before an award is made by the board of awards under the provisions of said Sections 14 and 15 of Article 4, entitled "City of Baltimore," of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, and so soon as said bids shall have been opened by the board of awards, be referred to the said commission by said board for such consideration and recommendations in the premises the said commission shall see fit to give and make, which said consideration and recommendations shall therefrom be given and made by the said commission without unnecessary delay.

Bids referred
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sion.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 23, 1906.

CHAPTER 133.

AN ACT to prohibit the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or lager beer at any place in Garrett County, within three miles of Barnum station, on the Western Maryland Railroad.