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proposals.

for sealed proposals for the construction and equipment of such annex or extension, and at the time and place mentioned in such advertisement they shall publicly open such Advertise for sealed proposals and award the contract for such construction and equipment to the lowest responsible bidder, with power to them to reject in their discretion any or all bids, and with further power to them to demand that all bids shall be accompanied by a good and sufficient bond in the penalty of ——— thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance by the bidder of the contract should the same be awarded to him.

SEC. 15. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 3, 1906.

CHAPTER 412.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 54 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Land Office," said section to be numbered 15 a.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to New section Article 54 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State added. of Maryland, title "Land Office," said section to be numbered 15 A.

15 A. He shall have custody of all maps, books, records and papers connected with the office of the board of shell fish commissioners of the State of Maryland, which may be com- Shall have mitted to his care and custody by the said board of shell fish commissioners, and shall safely keep them in some place reasonably free from accident by fire, and shall, whenever required to do so, cause copies thereof to be made under the seal of his said office, and shall receive and retain therefor fees at the same rate now charged for copies and searches for other papers in his office, and shall receive as compensation for his services and responsibility the sum of fifty dollars per month, which shall be in addition to the salary now allowed him by law as the commissioner of the land office; provided however, that the fees received by him for copies of papers, etc., shall, after paying the actual expense

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