

or furnishing said supplies or materials, shall be awarded by the Board provided for in the next section of this Article, and in the mode and manner as therein prescribed.

15. All bids made to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for supplies or work for any purpose whatever, unless otherwise provided in this Article, shall be opened by a Board, or a majority of them, consisting of the Mayor, who shall be President of the same; the Comptroller, City Register, City Solicitor, and President of the Second Branch, which Board, or a majority of them, shall, after opening said bids, award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. The successful bidder shall promptly execute a formal contract to be approved as to its form, terms and conditions by the City Solicitor, and he shall also execute and deliver to the Mayor a good and sufficient bond to be approved by the Mayor in double the amount of the contract price. To all such bids there shall be attached a certified check of the bidder, and the bidder who has had the contract awarded to him, and who fails to promptly and properly execute the required contract and bond, shall forfeit said check. The said check shall be taken and considered as liquidated damages, and not a penalty, for failure of said bidder to execute said contract and bond. Upon the execution of said contract and bond by the successful bidder, the said check shall be returned to him. The amount of said check shall be five hundred dollars, unless otherwise provided by ordinance, or an order or regulation of the department for whose use the bids are made and contract entered into. The checks of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them after opening the bids and awarding the contract to the successful bidder.

MAYOR.

16. The inhabitants of the City of Baltimore qualified to vote for members of the House of Delegates shall, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and on the same day and month in every fourth year thereafter, elect by ballot a person of known integrity, experience and sound judgment, over twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States, and five years a