

and all vacancies arising from death, refusal to act, resignation or otherwise, among the members of said Commission other than the members of the Board of Public Works.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That as soon after the passage of this Act as possible said Commission shall organize and proceed to elect a secretary, and decide upon the site of said new warehouse, as hereinbefore limited, and procure plans and specifications for said warehouse; and as soon as plans and specifications are determined upon by it the said Commission shall invite sealed proposals, by advertisements, for a reasonable time, in two of the daily newspapers of Baltimore city, for the construction of said warehouse and the equipment thereof with suitable appliances for a tobacco warehouse, according to said plans and specifications, which proposals shall be sent in sealed envelopes, in care of the Secretary of State, addressed to said Commission, and shall be publicly opened by said Commission on the day and at the time and place named in said advertisements. Said proposals shall set forth the amount of money for which the party or parties proposing will construct the warehouse according to said plans and specifications, and the time or times at which payment therefor shall be made, and the time or times when said warehouse will be completed; and the said Commissioners shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, upon such bidder or bidders giving bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty and with such security as said Commission shall determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract entered into, which bond shall be liable, at the suit of the State of Maryland, for the violation of any or all of the conditions. Said Commission is hereby authorized and required to employ a skillful and competent architect, who, subject to the approval of said Commission, shall prepare said plans and specifications, and supervise, as to workmanship and materials, the erection of said warehouse; and said Commission shall in like manner determine upon proper appliances, equipments and furniture for said warehouse and the office to be erected therein, and shall, at such time as it may deem proper, advertise for proposals for the same and award a contract therefor to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall give bond for the faithful performance of the contract as is hereinbefore required to be given by the contractor for the erection of said warehouse.

SEC. 4A. *And be it further enacted,* That as soon after organization as practicable, the said Commission shall determine whether the tobacco warehouse fund in the State Treasury, after compliance with the preceding provisions of this Act, will permit of repairs to the old State Tobacco Warehouses in the