

to the particular thing to be selected by said board, shall be advisory only, and not binding upon said board; provided, however, that nothing in this Act relative to alternative bidding shall apply to the Annex Improvement Commission created by chapter 274 of the Acts of 1904, providing for the annex loan subsequently approved by the people of Baltimore city. Bids when filed shall be irrevocable. 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 the amount of the contract price. To all such bids there shall be attached a certified check of the bidder upon some clearing house bank, 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.

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

Approved March 30, 1908.

CHAPTER 131.

AN ACT to repeal section 35 of article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Charter," relating to the City Register, and to re-enact said section with amendments so as to provide for the removal from office of the City Register under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section 35 of article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Charter," be and the same hereby is repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

35. The City Register shall be the head of the second sub-department of finance, and he shall be the register of the public debt and also the custodian of all moneys belonging to the