

## CHAPTER 218.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 32D and 32F of Article 91 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Surveyor and State Survey," subtitle "Public Roads," as enacted by Chapter 141 of the Acts of 1908, providing for an enlarged State Roads Commission, advertisements, plans and work, routes, power to contract with or constitute as agents County Commissioners for work and maintenance, measurement of material and approval or rejection of all contract work.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 32D and 32F of Article 91 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Surveyor and State Survey," subtitle "Public Roads," as enacted by Chapter 141 of the Acts of 1908, be and the same is and are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

32D. The said Commission, when about to construct or improve in any manner any highway, shall give the County Commissioners of each county in which it lies a certified copy of the plans and specifications therefor, and a notice that said Commission is about to enter upon and proceed with the work in question. Said Commission may thereupon advertise for at least two weeks in one or more newspapers published in each county in which the highway lies and for three consecutive issues in at least one daily newspaper published in Baltimore City, for sealed proposals for the construction or other improvement of said highway, accurately describing the same and stating the time and place for opening said proposals, and reserving the right to reject any and all proposals; said proposals shall be publicly opened at the time specified in said advertisement, and the contract for such work or for the supplies and materials required for such construction or improvement shall be awarded by the Commission to the lowest responsible bidder, unless, in the opinion of said Commission, the interests of the State will be better served by awarding the contract to some other bidder, when this may be done; but said Commission shall not advertise for proposals to award any contract for any work or for any materials or supplies for any amount less than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate. The construction and improvement of all State highways or parts thereof shall be under the supervision and subject to the approval of the said Commission. In all cases where the contract for work and materials shall be given out after competitive bidding the successful bidder shall promptly execute a formal contract to be approved as to its form, terms and conditions by said Commission, and also execute and deliver to said Commission a good and sufficient bond to be approved by said Commission