

CHAPTER 405.

AN ACT to establish a uniform system of contracting for printing of all such matter pertaining to and for the use of the Legislature of the State of Maryland and for Constitutional State Convention.

Passed Mar.
10, 1864.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That the Comptroller is hereby authorized and required to contract, in the name of the State, for the printing of the Journal of Proceedings of the Senate and House of Delegates which may convene either at the regular sessions or by a call of the Governor of this State for an extra session, the laws passed at each session of the Legislature which may hereafter convene, together with bills, rolls and documents or any other printing matter not herein enumerated that is necessary for the use of the Legislature, and all other such printing matter as may be ordered by the said Legislative bodies while in actual session under the provisions of the following sections of this bill.

Comptroller
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printing.

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted,* That the Comptroller is hereby directed and required to advertise for proposals for the aforesaid printing in at least six newspapers published in this State, two of which shall be published in the city of Baltimore, one in the city of Annapolis, two in the counties on the Western Shore of this State, and one on the Eastern Shore of said State, which advertisement shall appear in the said newspapers one month before the sitting of the Legislature, and shall continue therein for two weeks.

Required to
advertise.

Sec. 3. *Be it enacted,* That one week before the Legislature shall convene the said Comptroller shall enter into a written contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the printing matter before mentioned under their hands and seals, in the name of the State and the party contracting to do the work, a copy of which each shall be entitled to hold; *provided,* that the party so contracting to do the work aforesaid shall give bond to this State in the sum of ten thousand dollars, current

To enter into
a written con-
tract.

Provisos.