

indirectly interested, for profit, in any contract or purchase involving the expenditure of public funds to which the Board of County Commissioners of said county or any member thereof is a party, and any member of such Board or any other public official or employee of said county so interested, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon indictment and conviction therefor, shall forfeit his or her office or position and be subject to a fine not to exceed one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars or imprisonment in the Maryland House of Correction for a term not to exceed one year. Provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any contract or other transaction involving the purchase of land or the deposit of county funds in any authorized State or Federal banking institution.

Where the amount involved in any contract for work to be done or purchase of supplies to which the Board of County Commissioners or the County Board of Education of said county is a party exceeds the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, the said Board, as the case may be, shall advertise for bids in one or more newspapers published in said county, the publication thereof to appear at least one week prior to the date on which bids are to be opened, and the contract or purchase shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but the said Board, as the case may be, shall have the right to reject any and all bids.

In every case where the said County Commissioners or the County Board of Education desire to purchase land, said Board, as the case may be, shall advertise once a week for two weeks in one or more newspapers published in said county a statement setting forth the option and price of any land proposed to be purchased by said Board, the location, purpose, and owner.

Any contract entered into or purchase made in violation of the provisions of this section shall be null and void; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall apply in the case of an emergency if the voucher therefor at time of payment has attached thereto a certificate of the board, commission, official or employee stating that the emergency exists and describing the nature of the emergency.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1935.

Approved May 17, 1935.