

CHAPTER 885.

(Senate Bill 510)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 162A of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "County Commissioners", as said Section was enacted by Chapter 486 of the Laws of Maryland of 1937, and to add a new section to said Article, said new section to be known as Section 162B, and to follow immediately after Section 162A of said Article, relating to the authority of the County Commissioners, or other employees of Washington County, to enter into certain contracts, and relating to the authority of the County Commissioners to make certain expenditures to preserve and promote the industrial growth of Washington County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 162A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title Washington County", sub-title "County Commissioners", as said section was enacted by Chapter 486 of the Laws of Maryland of 1937, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new section be and it is hereby added to said Article, said new section to be known as Section 162B, to follow immediately after Section 162A, and all to read as follows:

162A. It shall be unlawful for the County Commissioners of Washington County, or any employee of said County, to enter into any contract of sale or purchase to which said County is a party, where the amount involved in said contract exceeds the sum of \$1500.00 without advertising for bids in one or more newspapers published in said County, the publication of said advertisement to appear at least once a week prior to the date on which bids are to be filed. Any contract of sale shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder and any contract of purchase shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but said County Commissioners shall have the right to reject any and all bids. Any contract entered into in violation of the provisions of this section shall be null and void; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any contract or other transaction involving the deposit of County funds in any authorized State or Federal Banking Institution and shall not apply to necessary repairs made in case of emergency.