

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1943.

Approved February 25, 1943.

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CHAPTER 58.

(Senate Bill 56)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads", relating to work done on roads by the State Roads Commission which must be done by contract.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 7 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7. The said Commission, when about to construct any highway, shall 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 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 shall be awarded by the Commission to the lowest responsible bidder, unless in the opinion of said Commission the interests of the State shall be better served by awarding the contract to some other bidder, when this may be done. All work which shall be done by the said Commission, whether on State roads, county roads or municipal streets, the labor and materials of which are estimated to cost over three thousand dollars (\$3,000), shall be advertised as aforesaid, except such labor and materials as may be required from time to time to maintain the various roads to the width and cross section, as previously or originally constructed. 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 accordance with plans and specifications prepared by