

able to purchase trucks or other road building or repair equipment it shall not be necessary for said County Commissioners to advertise for bids on the same but they shall make all due and reasonable effort to purchase the same at the lowest possible price and, except in cases where equipment can be obtained to the advantage of said county by purchasing at public or forced sales, shall circularize local or other dealers handling or selling the type of equipment needed, giving all specifications and requirements, and said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to trade in old equipment on new purchases, without asking for bids, whenever they deem the same advisable or expedient. Provided, however, that said County Commissioners shall not expend more than \$25,000.00 for road machinery and equipment in any one year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed upon by ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 4, 1945.

CHAPTER 1034.

(House Bill 592)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 137 to 185, inclusive, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Capitol Heights", and to enact in lieu thereof 48 new sections to be known as Sections 137 to 185, inclusive, of said Article; said new sections defining the boundaries of Capitol Heights, providing for its government by a Mayor and Common Council; and defining the rights, powers, duties and obligations of said town and said Mayor and Common Council including the right to pass ordinances, levy and collect taxes, incur obligations, maintain a police force, etc., and to employ the necessary personnel to put into effect the provisions of said charter; this last clause being descriptive of some of the powers, but not in limitation of the other rights and powers granted under said charter.