

## CHAPTER 370.

(House Bill 571)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 95A of Article 12 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Garrett County", sub-title "County Commissioners", as said section was enacted by Chapter 35 of the Acts of 1939, relating to contracts for purchase of materials or for work.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 95A of Article 12 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Garrett County", sub-title "County Commissioners", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

95A. It shall be unlawful for the County Commissioners of Garrett 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 \$300.00 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 for two consecutive weeks 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 necessary repairs made in case of emergency. If any County Commissioner shall violate any provisions of this section, he shall be liable to indictment, and, upon conviction, shall forfeit his office. This section shall not be construed, however, to apply to the purchase of material, equipment or other supplies for use in the operation and maintenance of County roads, as provided by Chapter 888 of the Acts of 1941, and amendments thereto.

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 yea 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 March 24, 1945.