

in first class (law sheep) buckram and at the price designated for volumes in sheets unbound. The reports shall be published promptly from manuscript to be supplied by the reporter and under his supervision. If there be any unreasonable delay in the printing or publication of said reports, it shall be his duty to employ others to complete the work at the cost of the contracting party. The said contract shall be awarded by the reporter to the person whom he shall determine to be the most responsible bidder, who will agree to publish the said reports in the manner aforesaid and sell the same on terms most advantageous to the public, and at the lowest price; and the said publisher shall also agree to sell the advance sheets of said volume at a price fifty cents less per volume than he shall be entitled to receive for the bound volumes thereof. No other publication of said reports shall be authorized by the State so long as its copyright thereon remains in force; provided the publisher or his assigns shall supply the demand therefor at the price stipulated in the contract.

4. The performance of the said contract by the publisher shall be secured by a bond in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, with two or more sureties satisfactory to the treasurer of the State, and the form of the contract and the bond shall be approved by the attorney general. If at any time in the opinion of the court of appeals the publisher shall fail to publish the reports promptly, or otherwise fail satisfactory to fulfill the terms of the contract, and that such failure shall, in their opinion, continue for a period of three months after a written notification thereof given by them to said publisher, that at any time after the expiration of said period the court of appeals may by any instrument or paper in writing, terminate the contract in such manner as to take effect at such date as they shall deem just and proper.

6. Volume (97) 182 of the Maryland reports, now in course of publication, shall be paid for by the comptroller and treasurer in the manner now provided by law; and that this Article shall be applicable to the publication of the reports subsequent to said volume (97) 182.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved March 29, 1945.