

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved May 6, 1949.

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CHAPTER 764

(House Bill 707)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-section (9) of Section 291 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (Smith's 1948 Edition), title "Public Works", sub-title "Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks and Storm Water Drainage", to authorize the Roads Engineer of Baltimore County to perform work involving more than \$5,000.00 when prior to the commencement of said work bids have been accepted for the materials to be used therein and the estimated outlay for labor will not exceed the sum of \$5,000.00.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sub-section (9) of Section 291 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (Smith's 1948 Edition), title "Public Works", sub-title "Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks and Storm Water Drainage", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

291. (9) Whenever work on any road, bridge or drain involves an estimated outlay of \$5,000.00 or more, plans and specifications therefor shall be prepared by the Roads Engineer and bids for work invited by reasonable publication in such papers as the Commissioners may designate; but said Commissioners shall not be bound to have such work done by contract if it is found after receiving bids therefor that the same can be done at a lower cost by direct employment of required labor. Provided, however, that if the Purchasing Department of Baltimore County, shall prior to the commencement of said work, pursuant to the regulations of the County Commissioners, have advertised and accepted bids for all or substantially all of the materials and supplies to be used in said work, and said materials and supplies are under contract, and the estimated outlay for labor does not exceed the sum of \$5,000.00, the Roads Engineer may proceed to perform work by the direct employment of the required labor.