

The County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall prescribe rules and regulations for the purchase of such materials and supplies, in order that they may be purchased to the best advantage. Said rules and regulations shall, in the discretion of the County Commissioners, provide for competitive bidding when feasible.

Said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to employ such clerical and other assistance as said Purchasing Department shall from time to time require, and to levy taxes for the cost of maintenance of said Department.

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

Approved May 6, 1949.

CHAPTER 767

(House Bill 733)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 238 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (Smith's 1948 Edition), title "Pensions", sub-title "General County System", to eliminate the provision that the same shall not apply to any officers, agents, servants or employees of said County for whom there are existing pension provisions, and including employees of the regular Fire and Police Departments of said County therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 238 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (Smith's 1948 Edition), title "Pensions", sub-title "General County System", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

238. The County Commissioners of Baltimore County are hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a general system of pensions and retirements for the benefit and advantage of its officers, agents, servants and employees, with necessary classifications and terms of admission; to provide that upon the establishment of any such system of pensions and retirements, its officers, agents, servants and employees theretofore or thereafter appointed, by whatever authority, except those appointed directly by the Governor of Maryland, whose salary or compensation is paid by the County Commissioners of Baltimore County, shall be eligible to admission to such pension or retirement system, subject to