

of the said County Commissioners, and if it is in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00), the same must be submitted to competitive bidding under specifications prepared by said Engineer, approved by said County Commissioners, and the contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

(g) Whenever, in the judgment of the County Commissioners and the Roads Engineer, it shall be deemed advantageous to award a contract to an independent contractor for the construction, reconstruction or repair of any road or bridge in Harford County, the labor and materials of which are estimated to cost One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) or less, the plans and specifications therefor shall be prepared by the said Engineer, approved by the County Commissioners, and advertised in one or more of the County newspapers for at least two successive weeks and such contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, unless in the opinion of the County Commissioners and the Roads Engineer the interests of the County will be better served by the Commissioners doing the work under the supervision and direction of the said Engineer.

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

Approved March 4, 1949.

CHAPTER 31

(House Bill 178)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Paragraph (e) of Section 1287 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County, (Flack's 1943 Edition), title "State's Attorney", as enacted by Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1947, to provide for an increase in the compensation of the stenographer of the State's Attorney of said County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Paragraph (e) of Section 1287 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County, (Flack's 1943 Edition), title "State's Attorney", as enacted by Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1947, be, and the same is hereby, repealed and re-enacted, with amendments to read as follows:

1287 (e). The said State's Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a stenographer, who shall per-