missioners and others to advertise for proposals for contracts of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dellars FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) or more with certain exceptions, and eliminating bookkeeping systems therefrom.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 256 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Anne Arundel County (1947 Edition), being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "County Commissioners", sub-heading "Contracts", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

256. In contracting for any public work, the purchase of any supplies or materials, [the installation of any system of bookkeeping for any office or offices, any expenditures for rent or lease of grounds or buildings, or for any consideration, other than those hereinafter exempted, involving an expenditure of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) or more, by the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County, or by the Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission, the County Road Engineer of said County, the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission of said County, or any other department or sub-department now established or which shall be established in the future, or by any county officers embraced or not embraced in a department or special commissions or boards, or by any other authority operating under any sections of this Article. proposals for the same shall be first advertised in two newspapers published in the County having a general circulation therein, one of which, if possible, shall be of opposite political faith from said Commissioners or a majority of them, once a week for two successive weeks, specifying therein the date by which proposals must be submitted, which date must be one on which the Commissioners regularly meet; and the contract for doing said work or furnishing said supplies or materials or systems, space, grounds, buildings, etc., shall be awarded by said Commissioners as provided for in Section 257 of this Article and in the mode and manner therein described. Provided, however, that repairs, replacements and additions to so-called "Patented Products or Systems" may be exempted from the provisions of this section at the discretion of the said Commissioners.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 1, 1955.

## CHAPTER 239

(House Bill 346)

AN ACT to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Talbot County to borrow an amount not to exceed One Hundred

EXPLANATION: Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.