

time this law is enacted. The said increase shall be effective only as to the clerk of court of Prince George's County who becomes such next after the time this law is enacted.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 37

(House Bill 69)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 71 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Public Education," sub-title "Chapter 4. County Board of Education", specifying when the School Board ~~BOARDS~~ of Baltimore ~~County~~ AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES shall advertise for bids for school construction, improvements, supplies or equipment.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 71 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Public Education," sub-title "Chapter 4. County Board of Education," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

71. Where the cost of any school building, improvement, supplies or equipment of any sort exceeds the sum of One Thousand Dollars, the Board of Education in each county shall advertise for bids in one or more newspapers published in their respective counties, publication of such advertisement to appear at least one week prior to the date on which bids are to be filed, and the contract for any such school building, improvements, supplies or other equipment shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but the Board of Education in the respective counties shall have the right to reject any and all bids and to readvertise for other bids, and any contract entered into or purchase made in violation of the provisions of this section shall be null and void; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to contracts for the purchase of books and/or other materials of instruction, and provided further that the Board of Education in any county shall be permitted to name in the specifications and advertisements for bids under this section the particular make, kind or brand of article or articles to be purchased or contracted for, and provided further that nothing in this section shall apply to emergency repairs during the period

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.