

title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 4. County Board of Education", providing additional requirements for the awarding of contracts for any school building, improvements, supplies, or other equipment.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 71 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), 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 County Board of Education", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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 *conforming to specifications, with consideration being given to quantities involved, time required for delivery, purpose for which required, competency and responsibility of bidder, and his ability to render satisfactory service,* but the board of education in the respective counties shall have the right to reject any and all bids and to re-advertise 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 of the regular school year. Provided that the provisions of this section shall apply in Baltimore and Montgomery Counties only to buildings, improvements, supplies or equipment exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved January 28, 1957.

CHAPTER 16

(House Bill 46)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 12 (a) (43) of Article 36 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951

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.