

(1957 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 5. County Board of Education", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

75. 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 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 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. Provided, however, in Talbot County *and in Charles County*, the County Commissioners shall have the right to reject any and all bids and to direct the Board of Education of Talbot County *and Charles County* to readvertise for other bids and in any event the Board of Education shall not enter into any contract for the remodeling of schools and the construction of new schools until the bid and contract have been approved by the County Commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved May 5, 1959.

CHAPTER 816

(House Bill 496)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 10 of Article 70A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition),

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.