

of any project for public work or improvement or the purchase price of any supplies and equipment shall exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the Clerk to the County Commissioners shall advertise for one week in not less than two newspapers published in Allegany County for bids to perform said public work or improvement or to furnish said supplies and equipment; and said bids shall be opened by the Clerk to the County Commissioners in the presence of the said County Commissioners, and the said County Commissioners of Allegany County shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid shall be considered reasonable, or, in its discretion, may reject any or all bids.

*(b) Nothing in this section shall apply to contracts for personal services of a professional character which require the exercise of peculiar skills, aptitudes or technical learning, such as the services of attorneys-at-law, auditors, accountants, architects and consulting or supervising engineers. The engineering services of consulting or supervising engineers shall include, by way of enumeration and not by way of exclusion, such services as engineering surveys, designs, plans and specifications for construction.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law 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 of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 3, 1959.

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## CHAPTER 144

(House Bill 242)

AN ACT to repeal Section 574 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1955 Edition, being Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore County", sub-title "State's Attorney", sub-heading "General Provisions", said section relating to disbursements of County funds.

WHEREAS, Section 574 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1955 Edition), was enacted prior to the year 1860, establishing the procedure governing the disbursement of County funds by the State's Attorney of Baltimore County; and

WHEREAS, Article VII of the Baltimore County Charter establishes procedures governing disbursement of County funds by all offices in the County government, including the office of the State's

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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.