

Edition), being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Howard County", sub-title "Metropolitan Commission", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

131. BIDS; CONTRACTS.

Whenever the plans and specifications for water supply, sewerage or drainage systems for any sub-district shall have been completed and the Commission shall have decided after opportunity for a hearing has been given to proceed with the construction thereof, it shall advertise, by notice in one newspaper published in Howard County and such newspapers and technical press as it may deem proper, for bids for the construction of said system or systems, in part or as a whole, as in its judgment may appear advisable. The contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or the Commission may reject any and all bids, and if in its discretion the prices quoted are unreasonable or unbalanced, it may readvertise the work or any part of it or may do any part or all of the work by day labor; provided that at any time the Commission may, in its discretion, expend by day labor for construction work an amount not exceeding ~~One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ *Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00)* without advertising or receiving bids. All such contracts shall be protected by such bonds, penalties and conditions as the Commission may require, all of which shall be enforced in any court having jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved May 3, 1961.

CHAPTER 774

(House Bill 720)

AN ACT to add a new Section 8-26.1 to the Montgomery County Code (1955, being Article 16 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Part 2 General Laws", sub-heading "Courts", to follow immediately after Section 8-26 thereof, providing for the duties of the clerk of the circuit court of Montgomery County in indexing the land records of that county, and relating to the land records and indexes in Montgomery County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 8-26.1 be and it is hereby added to the Montgomery County Code (1955, being Article 16 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Part 2 General Laws", sub-heading "Courts", to follow immediately after Section 8-26 thereof, to read as follows:

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.