

efforts to retain the character and individuality of a beautiful old colonial town; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Assembly appeals to the civic conscience and to the hearts of those who for crass reasons of profit and gain might overlook the obligation they owe to this City and the State of Maryland; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland be directed to send a copy of this Resolution under the Great Seal of Maryland to the Mayor of the City of Annapolis and to Historic Annapolis, Inc.

Approved April 7, 1964.

No. 7

(Senate Joint Resolution 18)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the State Roads Commission, whenever feasible and practicable, to advertise highway construction projects in such manner that smaller contractors will not be prohibited from bidding upon such contracts because of their size and bonding limitations.

WHEREAS, it has sometimes been the policy of the State Roads Commission to advertise and accept bids for construction or reconstruction of long and continuous sections of a state highway as one contract; and

WHEREAS, this policy may, and often does, act to the detriment of many of Maryland's smaller contractors and smaller contractors elsewhere who, because of their size and their bonding limitations, are unable to bid on such large contracts; and

WHEREAS, if such contracts were severed or broken down into two or more smaller contracts, many of Maryland's smaller contractors, as well as smaller contractors elsewhere, would be able to bid on such smaller construction projects, thus assuring more competition in bidding, with the possibility of the State's realizing lower bids; and

WHEREAS, by severing larger contracts into several smaller contracts for advertising, bidding, and construction purposes, smaller highway contractors will not be discriminated against in favor of larger contractors.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the State Roads Commission is requested, whenever it is feasible and practicable to do so, and in order not to discriminate against smaller contractors in Maryland and elsewhere, to plan and program highway construction contracts in such manner that small contractors will not be disqualified because of their size and bonding limitations to bid upon such contracts.

And be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chairman and to each of the members of the State Roads Commission of Maryland.

Approved April 7, 1964.