

buildings costing [three hundred dollars (\$300)] *five thousand dollars (\$5,000)* or more. In case the construction is to be done by the county board itself, it shall be illegal for the county board to proceed until the plans and specifications shall have been approved in writing by the State Superintendent of Schools; in case the construction is to be done by contract, the contract shall be invalid without the written approval of the State Superintendent of Schools.

75. Where the cost of any school building, improvement, supplies or equipment of any sort exceeds the sum of [one thousand dollars,] *five 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, 1965.

Approved April 8, 1965.

CHAPTER 504

(Senate Bill 266)

AN ACT to repeal Section 341(d-1) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Offenses and Prosecutions"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 341(d) of the said Article and sub-title of the Code; to repeal a budget limitation on the payment by the De-