

such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after advertisement for bids. The authority may make rules and regulations for the submission of bids and the construction, equipping, furnishing and improvement of any project or portion thereof. No contract shall be entered into for construction, equipping, furnishing or improvement of any project, or portion thereof, or for the purchase of materials, unless the contractor shall give an undertaking with a sufficient surety or sureties approved by the authority, and in an amount fixed by the authority, for the faithful performance of the contract; and such contract shall be accompanied by an additional bond for the protection of those to furnish labor and material. All construction contracts shall provide, among other things, that the person or corporation entering into such contract with the authority will pay for all materials furnished and services rendered for the performance of the contract, and that any person or corporation furnishing such materials or rendering such services may maintain an action to recover for the same against the obligor in the undertaking as though such person or corporation was named therein, provided the action is brought within three years after the cause of action accrued. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the power of the authority to construct any project, or portion thereof, or any addition, betterment or extension thereto, directed by the officers, agents and employees of the authority, or by agreement with the federal and state governments, or any agency or department of either. Subject to the aforesaid, the authority may (but without intending by this provision to limit any powers of such authority) enter into and carry out such contracts, or establish or comply with such rules and regulations concerning labor and materials and other related matters in connection with any project, or portion thereof as the authority may deem desirable, or as may be requested by any federal agency that may assist in the financing of such project or any part thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

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CHAPTER 427

(House Bill 490)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3(1) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," amending the laws concerning competitive bidding for County work and the purchase of materials and supplies in Allegany County in order to specify when competitive bidding is necessary and to make this section comply with a provision in the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 3(1) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners," sub-