Improvement Bonds shall be made at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, or Baltimore City, as the case may be, prior to sale and may also be made in a newspaper circulating primarily among bankers and investors, provided that at least one advertisement of public sale shall be made not less than 10 days prior to sale. The net proceeds of sale of Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds shall, after deduction of the expenses of sale, be applied in the manner and for the purposes designated in the separate underlying acts of enabling legislation providing authority for the loan evidenced by such Bonds.

- (c) The provisions of this section shall be deemed to supersede any inconsistent provision of law.
- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 31, 1972.

CHAPTER 669

(Senate Bill 335)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3(1) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," including Talbot County in the provision allowing no competitive bidding for goods and services for amounts less than \$1,000.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 3(1) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

3.

- (1) To provide for competitive bidding for any county work and the making and awarding of contracts for the purchase of materials and supplies in excess of \$2,500 in St. Mary's County, in excess of \$1,000 in Harford County and Talbot County, in excess of \$2,500 in Worcester County and Charles County, in excess of \$1,500 in Allegany County, and in all other counties \$500 and to require bonds in connection with said work or contracts, whenever deemed proper; and if no bids are submitted in response to any calls therefor, to place the order as in their discretion they deem best. The provisions of this subsection will not be applicable in Kent County.
- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 31, 1972.