

AN ACT concerning

Washington County - Public Contracts

FOR the purpose of permitting the County Commissioners of Washington County to purchase tangible personal property over a certain dollar ceiling at a public auction; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Washington County
Section 8-23
Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1970 Edition and 1975 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 8-23 of the Public Local Laws of Washington County being Article 22 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1970 Edition and 1975 Supplement, as amended) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 22

8-23.

[It shall be unlawful for the] THE County Commissioners of Washington County, or any employee of [said] THAT County, [to] MAY NOT enter into any contract of sale or purchase to which [said] THE County is a party[,] where the amount involved in [said] THE contract exceeds [the sum of \$5,000.00] \$5,000 without advertising for bids in one or more newspapers published in [said] THE County, the publication of [said] THAT advertisement to appear at least once a week prior to the date on which bids are to be filed. Any contract of sale shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder and any contract of purchase shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but [said] THE County Commissioners shall have the right to reject any and all bids. Any contract entered into in violation of the provisions of this section [shall be null and] IS void[; provided, however, that]. HOWEVER, the provisions of this section [shall] DO not apply to any contract or other transaction involving the deposit of County funds in any authorized State or Federal Banking Institution and [shall] DO not apply to necessary repairs made in case of emergency. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PURCHASE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT A PUBLIC AUCTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved April 1, 1976.
