particular matter. Those lawyers who represent the Commission staff in proceedings before the Commission shall be organized and operate independently of the office of general counsel and shall be appointed by—AND SERVE—AT THE PLEASURE—OF, THE COMMISSION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Arproved May 17, 1977.

CHAPTER 636

(Senate Bill 692)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Contracting for Architectural and/or Engineering Services
3-77

FOR the purpose of exempting the Charles County Commissioners from the requirement of competitive bidding for the services of an architectural and/or engineering firm for design and/or consultation purposes; continuing the competitive bidding requirement for other county work; restructuring; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners
Section 3(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3(1) of Article 25 - County Commissioners, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

3.

(1) (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, Somerset County, and Talbot Ccunty, in excess of \$2,500 in Worcester County and Charles County,