

Article 12

7-16.

[It shall be unlawful for the] THE County Commissioners [of Garrett County], or any employee of [said] THE 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 [\$300.00] ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,500 without advertising for bids in one or more newspapers published in [said] THE county, the publication of [said] THE advertisement to appear at least once a week for two consecutive weeks 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] IS null and void[; provided, however, that the] THE provisions of this section [shall] DO not apply to necessary repairs made in case of emergency. If any County Commissioner [shall violate] VIOLATES any provisions of this section, he [shall be] IS liable to indictment, and, upon conviction, shall forfeit his office. This section [shall] MAY not be construed, however, to apply to the purchase of material, equipment or other supplies for use in the operation and maintenance of county roads, as provided by Chapter 888 of the Acts of 1941, and amendments thereto.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 3(a) and (l) of Article 25 - County Commissioners, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

3.

(a) (1) The county commissioners of each county in this State, [except Worcester, (except as provided in subsections (l), (s) (2), (x) and (x-1) hereof), Prince George's, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Cecil, Howard and Queen Anne's (except as specifically provided in subsection (f) counties,] in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which have been or may be granted them, have the following express powers.

(2) (I) THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES ARE EXCEPTED FROM THESE EXPRESS POWERS.

(II) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY,

(III) BALTIMORE COUNTY,