

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

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(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 \$500 and to require bonds in connection with the 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.

(2) (i) The contracts shall be in excess of the amounts specified for the counties set forth in this paragraph.

(ii) Allegany County--\$1,500

(III) CARROLL COUNTY --\$3,500

[(iii)] (IV) Charles County--\$2,500

[(iv)] (V) Harford County--\$1,000

[(v)] (VI) St. Mary's County--\$2,500

[(vi)] (VII) Somerset County--\$1,000

[(vii)] (VIII) Talbot County--\$1,000

[(viii)] (IX) Worcester County--\$2,500

(3) (i) The provisions of this subsection do not apply to the counties set forth in this paragraph.

(ii) Garrett County

(4) The provisions of this subsection are not applicable in Charles County with regard solely to contracting for the services of an architectural and/or engineering firm for design and/or consultation purposes. With regard to contracting for other county work these provisions are applicable.

~~(5)--THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION ARE NOT APPLICABLE--IN--CARROLL--COUNTY--WITH--REGARD--SOLELY--TO CONTRACTING--FOR--THE--SERVICES--OF--AN--ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING,--OR--CONSULTANT FIRM FOR DESIGN OR CONSULTATION PURPOSES--WITH REGARD TO CONTRACTING FOR OTHER COUNTY WORK, THESE PROVISIONS ARE APPLICABLE.~~