It shall be unlawful for the County Commissioners of Garrett County, or any employee of said county, to enter into contract of sale or purchase to which said county is a party, where the amount involved in said contract exceeds the sum of [\$300.00] \$5,000 without advertising for bids in one or more newspapers published in said county, the publication of said advertisement to appear at least once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date on which bids are to be filed. 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 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 void; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to necessary repairs made in case of emergency. If any County Commissioner shall violate any provisions of this section, he shall be liable to indictment, and, upon conviction, shall forfeit his office. This section shall 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 this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved April 10, 1984.

CHAPTER 53

(House Bill 835)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County Board of Education -Student Member - Replacement MC 422-84

FOR the purpose of providing for the replacement of the student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education by the alternate student member under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education Section 3-701(f) Annotated Code of Maryland (1978 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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