

equipment; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to Garrett County procurement matters.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Garrett County

Section 20-14 and 20-18 C.

Article 12 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1985 Edition and January 1994 Supplement, as amended)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners

Section 3(1)(1) and 9D

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 12 - Garrett County

20-14.

A. (1) [It shall be unlawful for] EXCEPT FOR TRANSACTIONS UNDER SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION OR AS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW, the County Commissioners [of Garrett County], or any employee of [said county, to] GARRETT COUNTY, MAY NOT enter into any contract of sale or purchase to which [said county] THE COUNTY is a party where the amount involved [in said] UNDER THE contract exceeds [the sum of \$5,000] \$15,000 without advertising for bids in one or more newspapers [published in said county, the publication of said] CIRCULATED IN THE COUNTY.

(2) THE advertisement [to] FOR BIDS SHALL appear at least [once] a week [for two consecutive weeks] prior to the date on which bids are to be filed.

(3) 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.

(4) Any contract entered into in violation of the provisions of this section shall be null and void [; provided, however, that the]. THE provisions of this section shall not apply to necessary repairs made in case of emergency.

(5) If any County Commissioner shall violate any provisions of this [section, he] SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSIONER shall be liable to indictment, and, upon conviction, shall forfeit [his] THE 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.]