

Approved April 9, 1996.

CHAPTER 61

(House Bill 492)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Advertisement for Bids

FOR the purpose of authorizing in Washington County the advertisement for bids on certain contracts by publication in certain newspapers or through electronic media.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Washington County

Section 1-106(a) and 7-204(d)(2)

Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1991 Edition and August 1994 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 22 – Washington County

1-106.

(a) The County Commissioners or any employee of the county may not enter into any contract of sale or purchase or any contract for any county work, project, or other expenditure to which the county is a party where the amount involved in the contract exceeds \$15,000 without advertising for bids [in 1 or more newspapers published in the county. The publication of that advertisement shall appear at least once a week prior to the date on which bids are to be filed.] AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE THE BID BY PUBLICATION IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER THAT IS PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY OR THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEDIA.

7-204.

(d) (2) Bids for the work shall be prepared by the Road Engineer and shall be invited by publication at least once a week for 2 successive weeks in such daily paper or papers the County Commissioners designate OR BY ADVERTISEMENT THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEDIA. The County Commissioners do not have to have any work done by contract if, after bids have been received and opened, it is found that the same work can be done at less expense by direct employment of the required labor or if an emergency exists of such nature as to require the speedy repair or replacement of a county road, street, alley, highway, or bridge or other construction in connection with it. This subsection does not require bids when the work is to be done by the County Roads Department.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.