

(1) Any contract entered into in violation of the provisions of this section is void.

(2) However, the provisions of this section do not apply to:

(i) Any contract or other transaction involving the deposit of [County] COUNTY funds in any authorized State or [Federal Banking Institution] FEDERAL BANKING INSTITUTION and do not apply to necessary repairs made in case of emergency; or

(ii) The purchase of tangible personal property at a public auction. (1957 Code, sec. 189. 1937, ch. 486; 1941, ch. 885, sec. 162A; 1951, ch. 121; 1976, ch. 111; 1977, ch. 146; 1970 ed. sec. 8-23; 1984, ch. 289; 1990, ch. 38)

1-107. Aid to manufactories.

(a) Authorized. Subject to the qualifications set forth in this section, the County Commissioners may not spend not more than \$35,000 annually for the following purposes:

(1) To aid and assist any factory in Washington County engaged in the production of goods essential to the defense of the State or nation;

(2) To prevent any factory now located in Washington County from moving elsewhere because of inducements offered by any other State, county, or municipality; or

(3) To aid and assist any factory to become established in Washington County.

(b) Use of funds. All money spent under this section shall be spent only on property which is either owned in fee by the [County] COUNTY, or leased by the [County] COUNTY for a term of at least 15 years.

(c) Annual levy. The County Commissioners shall provide in each annual levy an amount equal to the sum to be spent in each year under this section. (1957 Code, sec. 190. 1941, ch. 885; 1970 ed. sec. 8-24; 1984, ch. 289)

1-108. Contributions to non-profit organizations.

(a) Listed. The County Commissioners may contribute annually to the care, operation, maintenance, or capital expense of the following non-profit organizations in Washington County, if the amount is included in the regular annual budget of Washington County for that fiscal year:

(1) The Washington County Free Library[.];

(2) The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts[.];

(3) The Washington County Public Health Association[.];

(4) The Washington County Hospital Association[.];

(5) The Washington County Home for Orphans and Friendless Children[.];

(6) Volunteer Fire Companies[.];