

CHAPTER 542
(House Bill 1130)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County - Sale and Purchase of Real Estate

FOR the purpose of providing an exception for the County Commissioners of Washington County with respect to a certain requirement for advertising for bids for contracts for the sale or purchase of real estate.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Washington County
Section 1-106
Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Washington County
Section 1-301
Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1991 Edition and December 1997 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] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, 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 \$25,000 without advertising for bids at least 1 week before the bid by publication in at least one newspaper that is published in the county or through electronic media.

(b) (1) A contract of sale shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder.

(2) A contract of purchase or other expenditure shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

(3) If a bidder has not paid all taxes owed to the county or a municipal corporation in the county, the County Commissioners may reject the bidder's bid.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the County Commissioners may reject any bid.

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