

(2) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

- (i) Any contract or other transaction involving the deposit of county funds in any authorized State or federal banking institution;
 - (ii) Necessary repairs made in case of emergency;
 - (iii) The purchase of tangible personal property at a public auction;
- or
- (iv) Any contract for which the County Commissioners approve sole source procurement under § 1-106.2 of this subtitle.

(D) SUBJECT TO § 1-301 OF THIS TITLE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OF SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS.

1-301.

(1) The County Commissioners may lease, sell, at either public or private sale, and convey or otherwise dispose of and convey any interest in real estate held by the County Commissioners and no longer needed for public use. The intent to sell, dispose of, or convey, except in the case of a conveyance made between the county and any federal, state or local government, shall be advertised in a newspaper of general distribution in the county, once a week for 3 successive weeks. The intent to lease real property shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general distribution in the county.

(2) The County Commissioners may buy at public or private sale or accept without consideration any real estate which in their judgment is useful to Washington County. However, funds may not be expended from the general fund of the county for the acquisition of real property under this section unless a public hearing has been held on the matter and the proceeds from sales of all existing school facilities, school lands, and other properties presently used for school facilities and titled in the name of the county and/or branch, department or derivative of the county are paid into the "Special School Fund" for school construction and repairs created by the Washington County School Bond Act of 1963.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 543

(House Bill 1131)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County - Procurement - Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing