

1904, ch. 327, sec. 4.

3. The said reporter shall, on or about the third Wednesday of April in the year of 1904, advertise in three newspapers published in this State, once a week, for four successive weeks, that sealed proposals will be received at his office in the city of Annapolis, on the first Wednesday in June in the year 1904, for the publication of reports of the decisions of the court of appeals of Maryland for the term of five years beginning on said named date according to the terms of the contract hereinafter set forth, and every five years thereafter he shall advertise in like manner for similar proposals. The contract shall be awarded to such person or persons or corporation as shall agree to print and publish all said reports on terms most advantageous to the public; and the contract shall embody the following provisions: The said reports shall be printed on first-class book paper, not inferior in printing or paper to volume 96 of the Maryland reports, and shall contain not less than seven hundred pages, exclusive of the index and tables of cases and statutes, and shall be uniform in size, style and form with said volume 96 Maryland reports; nor less than twelve hundred copies of said volumes shall be printed. The publisher shall deliver to the State library three hundred copies of each volume bound in first-class law sheep; and the State shall pay therefor to the publisher the sum of six hundred dollars, being at the rate of two dollars per volume. And the publisher shall keep on hand in the city of Baltimore for sale during the period of this contract and for five years thereafter a sufficient number of the volumes which shall be so published to supply the public demand therefor, and sell the same to the public at a price designated in his proposal for volumes bound in first-class law sheep and at the price designated for volumes in sheets unbound. The reports shall be published promptly from manuscript to be supplied by the reporter and under his supervision. If there be any unreasonable delay in the printing or publication of said reports, it shall be his duty to employ others to complete the work at the cost of the contracting party. The said contract shall be awarded by the reporter to the person whom he shall determine to be the most responsible bidder, who will agree to publish the said reports in the manner aforesaid and sell the same on terms most advantageous to the public, and at the lowest price; and the said publisher shall also agree to sell the advance sheets of said volume at a price fifty cents less per volume than he shall be entitled to receive for the bound volumes thereof. No other publication of the said reports shall