

CHAPTER 38
(House Bill 181)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Procurement

FOR the purpose of increasing the value of goods or services that the County may procure without advertising for bids in a newspaper.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Washington County
Section 1-106
Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1984 Edition, 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 and employees 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 [\$10,000] ~~\$30,000~~ \$12,000 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.

(b) Any contract of sale shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder; any contract of purchase or other expenditure shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. However, the County Commissioners may reject any and all bids.

(c) (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 funds in any authorized State or 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.