

newspapers published in said County, one of which, if possible, shall be of opposite political faith from them, or a majority of them, invite sealed proposals from the various printing and newspaper offices of said county for the printing and publishing of the same, and also for such printed notices, blank forms and advertisements, as said County Commissioners or their clerk, may be required to use or give during the year succeeding the date of the contract to be awarded thereunder; said advertisements shall specify as far as it is practicable the character of material and work for which proposals are so invited, and in such advertisements proposals for the newspaper advertising shall be invited separately and distinct from the other printed notices, blank forms, and other such printed matter.

The proposals shall be opened and read aloud in public by the County Commissioners at their meeting on the third Tuesday in September of each year, and shall remain on file in their office for one week, open to the inspection of the public. The contract for supplying during the ensuing year the printed notices (other than newspaper advertisements) the blank forms, and other such printed matter, shall then be awarded by them to the lowest responsible bidder for the same, who shall be required to do the work connected therewith and to deliver the same when and as required by the County Commissioners or the officers aforesaid. The contract for the newspaper advertising for which proposals were so invited during the ensuing year shall be awarded to the lowest bidder for the same. All bids for such newspaper advertising shall contain an affidavit of the editor or publisher of the newspaper making the same, setting forth a true statement of the actual number of existing paying subscribers to such newspaper at the time of such affidavit. The County Commissioners shall require the person or persons to whom any of the contracts shall be awarded as mentioned in this or in the preceding section to execute a corporate bond in the amount of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract so made.

The County Commissioners shall reserve the right to reject any or all bids received, and shall, if necessary, re-advertise for bids pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 315 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1935 Session.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1939.

Approved May 11, 1939.