

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Washington County are hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect taxes in such amount as they, in their discretion, deem advisable to cover expenditures for said school construction and improvement program. The amount so collected shall be set aside in a special fund to be known as the "School Improvement Fund", and shall be expended only for the purposes set forth in this Act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all money in the School Improvement Fund shall be deposited in a separate and special account in some bank or banks, savings institution or institutions or trust company or companies by the said Board of County Commissioners of Washington County at the best rate of interest obtainable, and the said money shall be paid out only on checks, signed by the President of the said Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, countersigned by the Clerk of said Board.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Board of Education of Washington County shall award the contracts for the construction, alteration, repair, addition and equipment of the school buildings hereinbefore mentioned, as well as other school buildings in the City of Hagerstown and Washington County, Maryland, and for all equipment and supplies for the same to the lowest responsible bidder therefor after the said Board shall have had competitive bids submitted to it; provided, however, that the said Board shall have the right to reject any and all bids. Said Board of Education shall require the successful bidder or bidders to whom said contracts are awarded to make a contract in writing for the faithful performance of the work and said contractors shall agree in said contracts to complete and equip the said buildings and additions within a reasonable time after the said contract is let as specified in each contract by the said Board of Education of Washington County, to pay all laborers employed by him or them in connection with said contract and for all materials used in the construction and equipping of said buildings and additions, and shall give bond acceptable to said Board for the faithful performance of his, their or its contract. And the said Board of Education is hereby given full power and authority to employ an architect or architects and to do all other things in connection with the construction, remodeling, furnishing and equipping of said school buildings and additions as may be necessary.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever any sum or sums of money shall become due for the purchase of land or shall become due to any contractor under contract awarded under the provisions of Section 4 herein, and the said Board