
By: Washington County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 1996

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Advertisement for Bids**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing in Washington County the advertisement for bids on
4 certain contracts by publication in certain newspapers or through electronic media.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 The Public Local Laws of Washington County
7 Section 1-106(a) and 7-204(d)(2)
8 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
9 (1991 Edition and August 1994 Supplement, as amended)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article 22 - Washington County**

13 1-106.

14 (a) The County Commissioners or any employee of the county may not enter into
15 any contract of sale or purchase or any contract for any county work, project, or other
16 expenditure to which the county is a party where the amount involved in the contract
17 exceeds \$15,000 without advertising for bids [in 1 or more newspapers published in the
18 county. The publication of that advertisement shall appear at least once a week prior to
19 the date on which bids are to be filed.] AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE THE BID BY
20 PUBLICATION IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER THAT IS PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY OR
21 THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEDIA.

22 7-204.

23 (d) (2) Bids for the work shall be prepared by the Road Engineer and shall be
24 invited by publication at least once a week for 2 successive weeks in such daily paper or
25 papers the County Commissioners designate OR BY ADVERTISEMENT THROUGH
26 ELECTRONIC MEDIA. The County Commissioners do not have to have any work done by
27 contract if, after bids have been received and opened, it is found that the same work can
28 be done at less expense by direct employment of the required labor or if an emergency
29 exists of such nature as to require the speedy repair or replacement of a county road,
30 street, alley, highway, or bridge or other construction in connection with it. This

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1 subsection does not require bids when the work is to be done by the County Roads
2 Department.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 1996.