
By: **Carroll County Delegation**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Competitive Bids**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing to a certain amount the cost of a public work or
4 improvement or the purchase price of supplies or equipment for which the
5 County Commissioners of Carroll County may enter into a contract; requiring
6 that when the cost of a public work or improvement or the purchase price of
7 supplies or equipment in Carroll County exceeds a certain amount under certain
8 conditions, the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing for the County Commissioners
9 of Carroll County shall advertise for bids for a certain amount of time in a
10 certain number of certain newspapers; ~~requiring altering a provision of law to~~
11 require that bids to perform a public work or improvement or to furnish supplies
12 or equipment in Carroll County be opened in the presence of ~~a certain individual~~
13 an employee designated by the County Commissioners under certain conditions;
14 making a technical correction; and generally relating to bids to perform a public
15 work or improvement or to furnish supplies or equipment in Carroll County.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County
18 Section 3-401
19 Article 7 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
20 (1976 Edition and September 1999 Supplement, as amended)
21 (As enacted by Chapter 601 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

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

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Article 7 - Carroll County

2 3-401.

3 In contracting for any necessary public work or improvement or for the purchase
4 of supplies and equipment needed at any time by the several departments of the
5 County, the County Commissioners of Carroll County may enter into contracts for
6 public work or improvement and may purchase supplies and equipment on an order
7 passed by the County Commissioners provided that the cost of the public work or
8 improvement or the purchase price of the supplies and equipment does not exceed
9 [\$12,000.00] \$25,000.00. When the cost of any project for public work or improvement,
10 or the purchase price of any supplies and equipment exceeds [\$12,000.00] \$25,000.00,
11 except in emergencies or when there is a sole source of supply, the [Clerk to] CHIEF
12 OF THE BUREAU OF PURCHASING FOR the County Commissioners shall advertise for
13 AT LEAST one week in [not less than two] ONE OR MORE newspapers [published]
14 CIRCULATED in Carroll County for bids to perform the public work or improvement or
15 to furnish the supplies and equipment, which advertisement shall state the date, time
16 and place of opening of the bids; and the bids shall be opened in the presence of [the
17 Clerk to the County Commissioners] AN EMPLOYEE DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY
18 COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, and the County Commissioners of Carroll
19 County shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid is
20 considered reasonable, or in [its] THEIR discretion, may reject any or all bids. The
21 County Commissioners may authorize nonprofit entities that are funded by the
22 County or eligible to receive County funds, to participate in County procurement
23 contracts.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2001.