

CHAPTER 114.

[H. B. 149.]

COUNTY PRINTING.

AN ACT relating to county printing, and amending sections 3912 and 3913 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That section 3912 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 3912. In all counties where two or more weekly, semi-weekly or daily newspapers are published, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners, at their April meeting each year, to let the advertising and official publication of all notices to the publisher thereof who is the best and lowest responsible bidder: *Provided*, That in all cases the county commissioners shall consider the question of circulation in awarding the county printing contract, with a view to giving said printing the widest publicity; and no newspaper shall be eligible as a competitor, nor shall a contract be let to any newspaper, unless the same shall have been established, published and circulated in the county for at least six months, and has a general and *bona fide* circulation throughout the county in which it is published: *Provided, further*, That in counties where there is no newspaper published, the commissioners of such county shall cause the printing of said county to be done in some newspaper in the state, of general circulation in the county, having no resident newspaper, and the newspaper to which such contract is let, shall be designated as the official newspaper of the county: *Provided further*, That the county commissioners shall require a bond in double the amount involved in the contract, for the correct and faithful performance of all such contracts and the work to be done thereunder: *Provided further*, That the term of the successful bidder shall not commence until the first day of July succeeding the letting of such contract.

Bids
required.

Circulation
to be
considered.

Counties
with no
newspapers.

Bond for
performance.

SEC. 2. That section 3913 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Advertising
for bids.

Section 3913. It shall be the duty of the county auditor, at least five weeks before, and not more than eight weeks before the meeting of the county commissioners in April of each year, to advertise for proposals for the public printing, for the term of one year, beginning on the first day of July following, which advertisement shall be inserted for four consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the county, or if there be no official newspaper, then in some other newspaper published in the county, or in a county, adjacent to said county, and having a general circulation in said county: *Provided*, That the county commissioners shall not be compelled in any event to accept any bid for a greater price than one dollar per square, of two hundred and fifty ems, nonpareil, for the first insertion, straight matter, and fifty cents per square for each subsequent insertion: *Provided further*, That the county auditor, when calling for bids, shall state how the matter shall be set, what kind of type, and whether solid or leaded.

Passed the House March 2, 1917.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1917.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1917.