

HOUSE BILL 1462

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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2024

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Procurement – Competitive Bidding**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the minimum dollar amount of contracts for which the
4 Calvert County Commissioners are required to undergo a formal bidding process;
5 and generally relating to procurement in Calvert County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 The Public Local Laws of Calvert County
8 Section 6–101(a) and 6–102
9 Article 5 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
10 (2002 Edition and October 2022 Supplement, as amended)

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

13 **Article 5 – Calvert County**

14 6–101.

15 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, contracts for the purchase by
16 the County of supplies or services involving [~~\$30,000~~] **\$50,000** or more shall be by formal
17 bidding procedures and the contract shall be awarded at a regularly scheduled meeting of
18 the Commissioners or by the official authorized to contract for the County to:

19 (I) The lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications; or

20 (II) For a request for proposals, the most responsible offeror.

21 (2) For a revenue generating contract, the contract shall be awarded to the
22 highest responsible bidder.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) A contract may not be subdivided to avoid the requirements of this
2 section.

3 6–102.

4 (a) The following types of contracts may be awarded without complying with the
5 bidding procedures otherwise required under this subtitle:

6 (1) Purchases or contracts involving less than [~~\$30,000~~] **\$50,000**;

7 (2) Purchases of supplies or services that are available only through one
8 source;

9 (3) Contracts for professional services such as those of attorneys,
10 physicians, architects, engineers, accountants, consultants, and others possessing a similar
11 high degree of technical skill and expertise, provided that to the extent appropriate for the
12 particular service to be provided, an attempt is made to secure competitive proposals for
13 these services;

14 (4) Purchases or contracts made when the County Commissioners
15 determine that an emergency exists, provided that the Commissioners publish an
16 explanation of the circumstances deemed to constitute the emergency in at least two county
17 newspapers for two weeks;

18 (5) Purchases based on federal, state, county, or municipal contracts that
19 are established by a legal competitive process; and

20 (6) Purchases or contracts as provided for in Subsection (b) of this section.

21 (b) For purchases or contracts involving less than \$250,000 where the County is
22 acting as the general contractor, the purchase or contract may be awarded after the County
23 obtains quotes for the purchase or contract from at least three vendors or subcontractors.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2024.