
By: Delegate Edwards

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 1997

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County - Procurement - Professional Services**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to award
4 certain contracts for professional services by competitive proposals, through
5 competitive negotiations, or by any other process that the County Commissioners
6 consider appropriate; providing that certain provisions providing for competitive
7 bids are not applicable to certain contracts for professional services; making stylistic
8 changes; and generally relating to the authority of the County Commissioners of
9 Garrett County to contract for professional services.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 The Public Local Laws of Garrett County

12 Section 20-14 A.(1)

13 Article 12 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

14 (1985 Edition and December 1996 Supplement, as amended)

15 BY adding to

16 The Public Local Laws of Garrett County

17 Section 20-14 E.

18 Article 12 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

19 (1985 Edition and December 1996 Supplement, as amended)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article 12 - Garrett County**

23 20-14.

24 A. Procedure.

25 (1) Except for transactions under [Subsection D] SUBSECTIONS D OR E of
26 this section or as otherwise authorized by law, the County Commissioners, or any
27 employee of Garrett County, may not enter into any contract of sale or purchase to which
28 the [county] COUNTY is a party where the amount involved under the contract exceeds
29 [\$15,000.] \$15,000 without advertising for bids in one or more newspapers circulated in
30 the [county] COUNTY.

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1 E. (1) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION ARE NOT
2 APPLICABLE TO THE CONTRACTING FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, CONSULTING
3 SERVICES, ENGINEERING SERVICES, LEGAL SERVICES, OR SIMILAR PROFESSIONAL
4 SERVICES REQUIRING A HIGH DEGREE OF EXPERTISE OR TECHNICAL SKILLS.

5 (2) WHEN PROCURING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, THE COUNTY
6 COMMISSIONERS MAY AWARD A CONTRACT BASED ON COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS,
7 THROUGH COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATIONS, OR BY ANY OTHER PROCESS THAT THE
8 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 1997.