Chapter 679

(House Bill 458)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – County Contributions to Private or Cooperative Public Improvement Projects

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount of certain contracts for certain public improvements into which the County Commissioners of Washington County are authorized to enter without advertising for bids; and generally relating to contracts for public improvements in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Washington County

Section 1–106.1

Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2007 Edition and January 2009 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 22 – Washington County

1-106.1.

- (a) Notwithstanding § 1–106 of this subtitle and subject to subsection (b) of this section, the County Commissioners may contract, without advertising for bids, for a part of any public improvement if responsibility for the majority of the public improvement is with another public entity or a private entity.
- (b) (1) The costs to the county under a contract adopted under this section may not exceed [\$50,000] **\$100,000**.
- (2) Any action by the County Commissioners to participate in a public improvement in accordance with this section shall be:
- (i) Taken at a regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners; and
- (ii) Based on written price quotations from at least three contractors.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.