HOUSE BILL 913

By: Calvert County Delegation
Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2022
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Procurement – Local Preference

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to enact an ordinance that establishes a local percentage preference for certain procurement contracts; and generally relating to procurement preferences in Calvert County.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Calvert County
Section 6–105
Article 5 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

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

Article 5 – Calvert County

6–105.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “NONRESIDENT BUSINESS” MEANS A BUSINESS WHOSE PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY.

(3) “PRINCIPAL OFFICE” MEANS THE OFFICE, IN OR OUT OF THE STATE, WHERE THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF A DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN CORPORATION IS LOCATED AND THAT IS DESIGNATED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OR APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(4) “Resident business” means a business whose principal office is in the County.

(B) Notwithstanding § 6–101(d) of this title, the County Commissioners may enact an ordinance that gives a percentage preference under which a qualifying resident business that submits a responsive bid or offer that exceeds the lowest responsive bid or offer by a nonresident business by not more than a specified percentage may be awarded the contract.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.