

# HOUSE BILL 835

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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Procurement – Local Preference**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to enact an  
4 ordinance that establishes a local percentage preference for certain procurement  
5 contracts; requiring the County Commissioners to comply with certain provisions of  
6 law under certain circumstances; and generally relating to procurement preferences  
7 in Calvert County.

8 BY adding to

9 The Public Local Laws of Calvert County

10 Section 6–105

11 Article 5 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

12 (2002 Edition and October 2022 Supplement, as amended)

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

15 **Article 5 – Calvert County**

16 **6–105.**

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

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

21 (3) “PRINCIPAL OFFICE” MEANS THE OFFICE, IN OR OUT OF THE  
22 STATE, WHERE THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF A DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN  
23 CORPORATION IS LOCATED AND THAT IS DESIGNATED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OR

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE.

2 (4) "RESIDENT BUSINESS" MEANS A BUSINESS WHOSE PRINCIPAL  
3 OFFICE IS IN THE COUNTY.

4 (B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING § 6-101(D) OF THIS TITLE, THE COUNTY  
5 COMMISSIONERS MAY ENACT AN ORDINANCE THAT GIVES A PERCENTAGE  
6 PREFERENCE UNDER WHICH A QUALIFYING RESIDENT BUSINESS THAT SUBMITS A  
7 RESPONSIVE BID OR OFFER THAT EXCEEDS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID OR OFFER  
8 BY A NONRESIDENT BUSINESS BY NOT MORE THAN A SPECIFIED PERCENTAGE MAY  
9 BE AWARDED THE CONTRACT.

10 (2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE  
11 PROVISIONS OF §§ 9-105 AND 9-106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE  
12 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND WHEN ENACTING AN ORDINANCE IN  
13 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

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