

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 1158 (Delegate Fisher)  
Government, Labor, and Elections

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**Calvert County - Contracts for Infrastructure or Asset Management - Contract Duration**

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This bill authorizes Calvert County to enter into a contract for infrastructure or an asset management program if the infrastructure or asset (1) has a life cycle of at least 15 years (including water towers, flow meters, and other water and sewer assets) and (2) the contract has an initial term of up to 20 years. A contract for infrastructure or an asset management program under this bill may include planning, design, construction, operations, maintenance, modification, revitalization, and decommissioning of the infrastructure or asset.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill affects only Calvert County.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect Calvert County government finances, but may result in operational efficiencies for the county.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Calvert County may contract to purchase supplies or services for a period of more than one year if it is advantageous for the county to do so and if (1) funds for the total cost of the contract are available at the time the contract is executed, or (2) a contract requiring the payment of funds from appropriations of more than one fiscal year is approved by resolution of the Calvert County Commissioners. An approved contract requiring the payment of funds from appropriations of more than one fiscal year must be

awarded as (1) a multiyear contract for a period of no more than 20 years, including the initial contract term and all options, if the contract is for banking and investment services, retirement and pension system management, health insurance, or information technology, as specified, or (2) a one-year contract with the option to renew for no more than four one-year terms for all other contracts.

Notwithstanding these provisions, the county may enter into a contract for solid waste disposal that may include transportation, may require payment of funds from appropriations of the county or receipt of payment to the county, and is not for more than a 20-year initial term. The county may also enter into a contract for a cellular tower lease (including a cellular tower lease on a water tower) if the initial term is no more than 20 years.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See HB 1482 of 2025.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Calvert County; Department of Legislative Services

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