

Chapter 148

(House Bill 1155)

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Procurement – Long-Term Contracts for Infrastructure and Asset Management

FOR the purpose of authorizing Calvert County to enter into certain contracts for infrastructure and asset management under certain circumstances; and generally relating to procurement in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Calvert County

Section 6–103

Article 5 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2002 Edition and October 2024 Supplement, as amended)

(As enacted by Chapter 104 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022)

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

Article 5 – Calvert County

6–103.

(a) When it is advantageous to the county to do so, the county may contract to purchase supplies or services for periods of more than one year if:

(1) Funds for the total cost of the contract are available at the time the contract is executed; or

(2) Subject to Subsection (c) of this section, a contract requiring the payment of funds from appropriations of more than one fiscal year is approved by resolution of the Commissioners.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, the County may enter into a contract for solid waste disposal that:

(1) May include transportation;

(2) May require payment of funds from appropriations of the County or receipt of payment to the County; and

(3) Is not for more than a twenty-year initial term.

(c) A contract requiring the payment of funds from appropriations of more than one fiscal year, approved by resolution of the Commissioners, shall be awarded as:

(1) A one-year contract with the option to renew for not more than four one-year terms for a contract that is not governed by item (2) of this Subsection; or

(2) A multiyear contract for a period not to exceed 20 years, including the initial contract term and all options, if the contract is for:

(i) Banking and investment services;

(ii) Retirement and pension system management;

(iii) Health insurance; or

(iv) Information technology, including software and the provision of voice, data, and Internet services.

(d) **(1)** Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, the County may enter into [a] **THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS IF THE INITIAL TERM OF THE CONTRACT OR LEASE IS NOT MORE THAN 20 YEARS:**

(I) A contract for a cellular tower lease, including a cellular tower lease on a water tower[, if the initial term of the lease is not more than 20 years]; **AND**

(II) CONTRACTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE OR ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS IF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OR ASSET HAS A LIFE CYCLE OF NOT LESS THAN 15 YEARS, INCLUDING WATER TOWERS, FLOW METERS, AND OTHER WATER AND SEWER ASSETS.

(2) A CONTRACT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE OR AN ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY INCLUDE THE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, MODIFICATION, REVITALIZATION, AND DECOMMISSIONING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OR ASSET.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2026.