

**CHAPTER 84**

**(House Bill 602)**

AN ACT concerning

**Calvert County - Competitive Bidding**

FOR the purpose of altering the amount above which certain purchases or contracts made by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County must be awarded by competitive bidding; and generally relating to competitive bidding in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Calvert County

Section 6-101 and 6-102

Article 5 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1986 Edition and July 1991 Supplement, as amended)

(As enacted by Chapter 402 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

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

**Article 5 - Calvert County**

6-101.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, contracts for the purchase by the county of supplies or services involving ~~[\$7,500]~~ \$15,000 or more shall be by formal bidding procedures and the contract shall be awarded at a regularly scheduled meeting of the commissioners to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications. A contract may not be subdivided to avoid the requirements of this section.

(b) The commissioners shall invite proposals for all contracts subject to this section by publishing a notice in at least 2 county newspapers for 2 consecutive weeks. The notice shall state that in not less than 3 weeks the commissioners will meet in public session to receive bids for the described purchase or contract, state the time and place of the meeting, and reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

(c) In determining the "lowest responsible bidder," in addition to considering price, the commissioners or the official authorized to contract for the county shall consider:

(1) The ability, capacity, and skill of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service required;

(2) Whether the bidder can perform the contract or provide the service promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference;

(3) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the bidder;