

Chapter 623

(House Bill 1160)

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Long-Term Contracts for Cellular Tower Leases

FOR the purpose of authorizing Calvert County to enter into a contract for a cellular tower lease under certain circumstances; and generally relating to contracting for cellular tower leases 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 December 2019 Supplement and Zoning Ordinances through August 2019)

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 a one-year contract with the option to renew for:

- (1) Not more than four one-year terms; or
- (2) Not more than 19 one-year terms if the contract is for:
 - (i) Banking and investment services;
 - (ii) Retirement and pension system management;
 - (iii) Health insurance; or
 - (iv) Software.

(D) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.