

Chapter 701

(House Bill 928)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Procurement – Vehicles

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to enter into a certain contract for the purchase of one or more vehicles without advertising for bids if the amount involved in the contract does not exceed a certain amount; and generally relating to procurement in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 The Public Local Laws of Washington County
 Section 1–106(a)
 Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
 (2019 Edition)

BY adding to
 The Public Local Laws of Washington County
 Section 1–106(f)
 Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
 (2019 Edition)

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

Article 22 – Washington County

1–106.

(a) (1) Except as provided in this subtitle the County Commissioners or any employee of the county may not enter into any contract of sale or purchase or any contract for any county work, project, or other expenditure to which the county is a party where the amount involved in the contract exceeds \$50,000 without advertising for bids at least 1 week before the bid by publication in at least one newspaper that is published in the county or through electronic media.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this subsection and regardless of whether the total cumulative procurement exceeds \$50,000, if a contract is for an indeterminate amount of goods or services procured on an as-needed basis over a period of time, the County Commissioners or an employee of the County may, without advertising for bids, enter into a contract of purchase or a contract for a county work project or other expenditure to which the county is a party.

(F) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE OR MORE VEHICLES WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS IF THE AMOUNT INVOLVED IN THE CONTRACT DOES NOT EXCEED \$100,000.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.