

## Chapter 683

**(House Bill 835)**

AN ACT concerning

**Calvert County – Procurement – Local Preference**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to enact an ordinance that establishes a local percentage preference for certain procurement contracts; requiring the County Commissioners to comply with certain provisions of law under certain circumstances; and generally relating to procurement preferences in Calvert County.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Calvert County

Section 6–105

Article 5 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2002 Edition and October 2022 Supplement, as amended)

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

**Article 5 – Calvert County****6–105.**

**(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

**(2) “NONRESIDENT BUSINESS” MEANS A BUSINESS WHOSE PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY.**

**(3) “PRINCIPAL OFFICE” MEANS THE OFFICE, IN OR OUT OF THE STATE, WHERE THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF A DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN CORPORATION IS LOCATED AND THAT IS DESIGNATED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OR APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE.**

**(4) “RESIDENT BUSINESS” MEANS A BUSINESS WHOSE PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS IN THE COUNTY.**

**(B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING § 6–101(D) OF THIS TITLE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ENACT AN ORDINANCE THAT GIVES A PERCENTAGE PREFERENCE UNDER WHICH A QUALIFYING RESIDENT BUSINESS THAT SUBMITS A RESPONSIVE BID OR OFFER THAT EXCEEDS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID OR OFFER**

**BY A NONRESIDENT BUSINESS BY NOT MORE THAN A SPECIFIED PERCENTAGE MAY BE AWARDED THE CONTRACT.**

**(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 9-105 AND 9-106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND WHEN ENACTING AN ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.**

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.**