

## Chapter 705

### (House Bill 837)

AN ACT concerning

#### Washington County – Procurement of Professional or Technical Services

FOR the purpose of exempting certain procurement expenditures for professional or technical services for Washington County from the requirements for procurement expenditures over \$50,000; repealing language made obsolete by this Act; and generally relating to procurement expenditures for professional or technical services in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
Section 1–106(b)(2)  
Article 22 – The Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(2007 Edition and January 2009 Supplement, as amended)

BY adding to  
The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
Section 1–106.5  
Article 22 – The Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(2007 Edition and January 2009 Supplement, as amended)

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.

(b) (2) A contract of purchase or other expenditure shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder who submits a responsive [bid, unless:

(i) The contract of purchase or other expenditure is for the procurement of professional or technical services, including architectural, design engineering, legal, medical, technological, or technical services; and

(ii) The County Commissioners have authorized the award of the contract on the basis of the qualifications, resources, and experience of the bidder, regardless of whether the bidder is the lowest bidder] **BID.**

**1–106.5.**

**THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY AWARD A CONTRACT OF PURCHASE OR OTHER EXPENDITURE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING ARCHITECTURAL, DESIGN ENGINEERING, LEGAL, MEDICAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, OR TECHNICAL SERVICES, ON THE BASIS OF THE QUALIFICATIONS, RESOURCES, AND EXPERIENCE OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 1-106 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

**Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.**