

(III) ONE MEMBER TO BE SELECTED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE TWO DESIGNATED MEMBERS FROM LISTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE.

(G) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (F) OF THIS SECTION, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY PROVIDE OR REQUIRE, WITH REGARD TO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT VALUED AT \$10,000 OR MORE TO WHICH IT IS A PARTY, THAT A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE PARTIES INVOLVING \$10,000 OR MORE REGARDING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT OR PERFORMANCE UNDER THE CONTRACT, BE SUBJECT TO A DETERMINATION OF QUESTIONS OF FACT BY AN OFFICER OR OFFICIAL BODY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PROVIDED THAT THE DECISION OF THE OFFICER OR OFFICIAL BODY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BE--NOW ON THE RECORD BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

(H)--IF---CONTRACT---DISPUTE---SETTLEMENT---PROCEDURES---ARE AUTHORIZED-BY-A-MUNICIPAL-CORPORATION,-IT-MAY-IN--ITS--DISCRETION ELECT-ONLY-THOSE-PROCEDURES-OUTLINED-IN-EITHER-SUBSECTIONS-(F)-OR (G)-

#### Article 25 - County Commissioners

##### 1A.

(a) Unless otherwise specifically provided by the laws of Maryland, a county governed by county commissioners and organized according to the provisions of this article, and every officer, department, agency, board, commission, or other unit of county government may not raise the defense of sovereign immunity in the courts of this State in an action in contract based upon a written contract executed on behalf of the county, or its department, agency, board, commission, or unit by an official or employee acting within the scope of his authority.

(b) In any such action, the county, or its officer, department, agency, board, commission, or other unit of government is not liable for punitive damages.

(c) A claim is barred unless the claimant filed suit within one year from the date on which the claim arose or within one year after completion of the contract giving rise to the claim, whichever is later.

(d) In order to provide for the implementation of this section, the county commissioners of every county shall make available adequate funds for the satisfaction of any final judgment, after the exhaustion of any right of appeal, which has been rendered against the county, or any officer, department, agency, board, commission, or other unit of government in an action in contract as provided in this section.

(E)--A---FINAL---ADMINISTRATIVE---DECISION---CONCERNING--ANY CONTROVERSY-OVER-A-CONTRACT-ENTERED-INTO-BY-A-COUNTY-GOVERNED--BY COUNTY-COMMISSIONERS-AND-ORGANIZED-ACCORDING-TO-THE-PROVISIONS-OF