

CHAPTER 66

(House Bill 583)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Competitive Bidding – Professional Services

FOR the purpose of altering a certain exception concerning professional services to the competitive bidding requirement for certain work contracted by the Charles County Commissioners; and generally relating to the professional services exception to the competitive bidding requirement in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 – County Commissioners

Section 3(l)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article 25 – County Commissioners

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(l) (1) To provide for competitive bidding for any county work and the making and awarding of contracts for the purchase of materials and supplies in excess of \$15,000 and to require bonds in connection with the work or contracts, regardless of the amount, whenever the County Commissioners consider it proper to require a bond; and if no bids are submitted in response to any request for bids, to place the order in a manner that the County Commissioners consider appropriate.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection are not applicable in [Charles and] Somerset[Counties] COUNTY with regard solely to contracting for the services of an architectural and/or engineering firm for design and/or consultation purposes. With regard to contracting for other county work these provisions are applicable.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection are not applicable in Frederick County with regard solely to contracting for the services of an architectural, engineering, or consultant firm for design or consultation purposes. In Frederick County, contracts for architectural and engineering services costing more than \$15,000, shall be awarded on a competitive basis which shall consist of either sealed competitive bids or competitive negotiation. "Competitive negotiation" means a process that includes the submission of written technical and price proposals from two or more sources and a written evaluation of those proposals in accordance with evaluation criteria.

(4) THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ARE NOT APPLICABLE IN CHARLES COUNTY WITH REGARD TO CONTRACTING FOR ANY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.