

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the authority to borrow money and issue bonds conferred on the County by this Act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland heretofore passed authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the powers contained in such Acts have not been exercised, and nothing contained in this Act may be construed to impair, in any way, the validity of any bonds that may have been issued by the County under the authority of any said Acts, and the validity of the bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of St. Mary's County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 510

(House Bill 903)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Streamlined Process for Procurement of Information Technology Services

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to adopt by regulation a streamlined procurement process for procurement of information technology services; requiring the streamlined procurement process adopted by the Secretary to include a procedure for consideration and approval of certain proposals, policies, and procedures for certain task orders, the execution of certain contracts, and a certain performance evaluation procedure; authorizing a unit of the Executive Branch to issue ~~task orders~~ a solicitation for a task order consistent with certain procedures and policies; requiring ~~task orders~~ a task order issued by a unit of the Executive Branch to contain certain items; requiring a unit of the Executive Branch to issue a task order to all qualified offerors if the total cost is expected to exceed a certain amount ~~and~~; requiring a unit of the Executive Branch to issue a task order to a certain number of qualified offerors or all qualified offerors, whichever number is less, if the total cost is expected to be at or less than a certain amount; requiring a unit of the Executive Branch to evaluate responses from qualified offerors and authorizing the unit to select the offeror's response that is the most advantageous to the State after consideration of certain factors; defining certain terms; and generally relating to adoption by the Secretary of a streamlined process for procurement of information technology services.