

prepared for the November general election of 2002, so that each participating voter in the county may have the opportunity to cast a vote on the question. The question shall be proposed, presented, and tallied, and reported in general accordance with the provisions of Article 33 – Election Code of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The vote on this question is advisory only.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved May 16, 2002.

CHAPTER 482

(Senate Bill 719)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Unsolicited Proposals

FOR the purpose of authorizing a unit of State government to award a contract for goods or services in response to an unsolicited proposal that meets certain requirements; exempting certain unsolicited proposals from a certain requirement that procurement be by competitive sealed bid; establishing an interagency panel to review unsolicited proposals and to make certain determinations subject to certain requirements and procedures; providing for the effect of certain action or inaction by the interagency panel; establishing that a qualifying unsolicited proposal is not required to be a sole source contract; requiring a procurement officer to obtain certain approval before awarding a contract in response to an unsolicited proposal; requiring a procurement officer to protect the confidentiality of information contained in an unsolicited proposal; limiting the term of a contract based on an unsolicited proposal; limiting the annual State expenditures under a contract based on an unsolicited proposal; requiring each contracting unit to publish notice of intent to award, and notice of award of, an unsolicited proposal in certain publications; requiring certain agencies to implement certain outreach programs; providing for certain reconsideration by the interagency panel of approval of an unsolicited proposal; providing that a certain prohibition against assisting in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, or a request for proposals for a procurement does not include providing specifications for certain unsolicited proposal procurements; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to report annually on the impact of this Act to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to unsolicited procurement proposals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 13-102(a)