

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to allow other governmental entities to procure goods or services through a contract entered by the County; authorizing the County Commissioners to procure goods or services under contracts entered by other government entities; specifying that such authority is subject to a determination that the arrangement is in the best interest of the County; specifying certain procedural requirements pertaining to intergovernmental purchasing; defining "governmental entity"; and generally relating to the authority of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to engage in intergovernmental cooperative purchasing.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Washington County

Section 1-106.3

Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1991 Edition and December 1997 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

1-106.3.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY" MEANS:

(1) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR AN AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT;

(2) THE STATE GOVERNMENT, ANOTHER STATE, OR AN AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE OR ANOTHER STATE; OR

(3) ANOTHER COUNTY, A MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OR OF ANOTHER STATE OR AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

(B) WHENEVER THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DETERMINE THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

(1) MAY ALLOW OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO PROCURE GOODS OR SERVICES THROUGH A CONTRACT ENTERED BY THE COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT; OR

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING § 1-106 OF THIS SUBTITLE, MAY PROCURE GOODS OR SERVICES THROUGH A CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE COUNTY WAS A PARTY TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT.

(C) A DETERMINATION TO ALLOW OR PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ARRANGEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE BY RESOLUTION AND SHALL EITHER