HOUSE BILL 1177

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By: Calvert County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2	Calvert County – Procurement – Local Preference
$3 \\ 4 \\ 5$	FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to enact an ordinance that establishes a local percentage preference for certain procurement contracts; and generally relating to procurement preferences in Calvert County.
	BY adding to The Public Local Laws of Calvert County Section 6–105 Article 5 – Public Local Laws of Maryland (2002 Edition and October 2021 Supplement, as amended, and Zoning Ordinances through August 2019)
$\begin{array}{c} 12\\ 13 \end{array}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
14	Article 5 – Calvert County
15	6–105.
$\begin{array}{c} 16 \\ 17 \end{array}$	(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
$\frac{18}{19}$	(2) "Nonresident business" means a business whose principal office is outside the County.
20 21 22 23	(3) "PRINCIPAL OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE, IN OR OUT OF THE STATE, WHERE THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF A DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN CORPORATION IS LOCATED AND THAT IS DESIGNATED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OR APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE.

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1 (4) "RESIDENT BUSINESS" MEANS A BUSINESS WHOSE PRINCIPAL 2 OFFICE IS IN THE COUNTY.

3 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING § 6–101(D) OF THIS TITLE, THE COUNTY 4 COMMISSIONERS MAY ENACT AN ORDINANCE THAT GIVES A PERCENTAGE 5 PREFERENCE UNDER WHICH A QUALIFYING RESIDENT BUSINESS THAT SUBMITS A 6 RESPONSIVE BID OR OFFER THAT EXCEEDS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID OR OFFER 7 BY A NONRESIDENT BUSINESS BY NOT MORE THAN A SPECIFIED PERCENTAGE MAY 8 BE AWARDED THE CONTRACT.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 10 October 1, 2023.