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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Front Foot Benefit Charges - Collection**
3 **PG/MC 36-96**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to make a
5 certain annual payment to Montgomery County and Prince George's County for
6 certain services performed by the treasurers of Montgomery County and Prince
7 George's County relating to the collection of certain benefit charges; requiring the
8 WSSC to establish a certain payment as an item of the WSSC operating budget, ~~to~~
9 ~~pay Montgomery County and Prince George's County the same amount,~~ and to pay
10 the counties by a certain date each year; providing for the effective date of this Act;
11 and generally relating to compensation by the Washington Suburban Sanitary
12 Commission for services performed for the collection of front foot benefit charges
13 within the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District
16 Section 5-108(b) and (d)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District
21 Section 5-108(f)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

3 **Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District**

4 5-108.

5 (b) (1) The treasurers of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, or other
6 tax collecting authorities, shall:

7 (i) Print upon their tax bills the following:

8 "To Sanitary Commission benefit charge \$.....";

9 (ii) Provide a space on the tax bills for the interest or penalty;

10 (iii) Make the proper and necessary entries on all bills sent out; and

11 (iv) Collect the amounts noted on the bills with the State and county
12 taxes.

13 (2) In Montgomery County, every property tax bill rendered for fiscal year
14 1986 and thereafter shall list separately any deferred water or sewer connection benefit
15 charges applicable to an assessed property.

16 (d) (1) On the 10th day of each month the respective treasurers shall pay the
17 WSSC the amount of the benefit charge collected by the treasurer through the last day of
18 the preceding month.

19 (2) If the treasurer fails to pay the sum as provided in this section, the
20 amount due the WSSC shall bear a penalty of 1 percent per month.

21 (3) The treasurer withholding the payment is personally liable for the failure
22 to pay it to the WSSC.

23 (f) (1) The WSSC shall pay ANNUALLY to [the treasurers of] the counties [an
24 amount that the treasurer and the WSSC agree on as] a reasonable [charge] AMOUNT
25 for the services [prescribed in this section] OF THE TREASURERS.

26 (2) [If a treasurer and the WSSC fail to agree to a charge the treasurer and
27 the WSSC shall refer the matter to the County Executive of the county where the
28 disagreement arises.

29 (3) The County Executive shall determine a reasonable amount for the
30 services of the treasurer.

31 (4) The amount determined shall be paid to the treasurer by the WSSC each
32 month.] WITH RESPECT TO THE ANNUAL PAYMENT SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF
33 THIS SUBSECTION, THE WSSC SHALL:

34 (I) ESTABLISH THE PAYMENT AS AN ITEM IN THE WSSC
35 OPERATING BUDGET; AND

36 (II) ~~PAY EACH COUNTY THE SAME AMOUNT; AND~~

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1 ~~(H)~~ PAY EACH COUNTY BY DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
3 July 1, 1996.