

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 183 (Delegate Walkup)
Environmental Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Kent County - Sanitary Commission - Enforcement of Lien for Unpaid Benefit Assessments

This amended bill allows Kent County to authorize the sale of real property to enforce a lien based on unpaid benefit assessments or other charges. If the sale is authorized, the Kent County Sanitary Commission may request the county tax collector to conduct the sale according to the same procedures for selling property with delinquent property taxes. These provisions apply to all benefit assessments due and unpaid on and after July 1, 1995.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Kent County Sanitary Commission revenues and expenditures could increase by an indeterminate amount. Kent County expenditures could increase by an indeterminate minimal amount. This increase, however, would be offset by proceeds from the sale of property.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Kent County Sanitary Commission revenues could increase by an indeterminate amount due to the sale of property that has unpaid benefit assessments or other charges. Data is not available upon which to estimate the number of sales and the assessed value of the property.

Since the Kent County Treasurer's Office would probably conduct the tax sale, Kent County expenditures could increase by a minimal amount due to advertising and other administrative costs. These costs, however, would be offset by the proceeds from the sale of property. Similarly, if the Kent County Sanitary Commission conducted the sale, the additional costs

would be offset by the sale proceeds.

If the sanitary commission could not sell the property, expenditures could increase due to maintenance costs on the unsold property. Although the amount cannot be determined beforehand, the expenditure increase would be minimal.

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