
By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Public Service Commission)**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Commission - General Counsel - Oath**

3 FOR the purpose of eliminating the requirement that the General Counsel to the
4 Public Service Commission must take a certain oath of office.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Public Utility Companies
7 Section 2-106
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
10 1998)

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

13 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

14 2-106.

15 (a) The Commission shall appoint a General Counsel.

16 (b) The General Counsel shall have been admitted to practice law in the State.

17 (c) [Before taking office, the General Counsel shall take the oath required by
18 Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

19 (d)] The General Counsel serves at the pleasure of the Commission.

20 [(e)] (D) As the Commission directs, the General Counsel shall:

21 (1) represent the Commission in a proceeding if the Commission is a
22 party to or desires to intervene in the proceeding, if the proceeding involves a
23 question under this article, or if the proceeding involves an act or order of the
24 Commission;

1 (2) advise the Commission, on request, on any legal question that
2 requires interpretation of a provision of law about the jurisdiction, rights, duties, or
3 powers of the Commission; and

4 (3) act as attorney to the Commission as the Commission reasonably
5 requires.

6 [(f)] (E) The Commission may substitute any other agent for the General
7 Counsel.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 1998.