

# HOUSE BILL 406

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2011

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the Washington  
4 County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund; requiring the County  
5 Commissioners of Washington County to ensure service of the debt for the  
6 Washington County pretreatment facility from the Washington County general  
7 fund and revenues generated by the pretreatment facility; prohibiting the  
8 County Commissioners from using the costs of debt service for the Washington  
9 County pretreatment facility as a factor in the establishment or adjustment of  
10 water and sewer rates in the County; and generally relating to the Washington  
11 County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund and the debt service for the  
12 Washington County pretreatment facility.

13 BY repealing

14 The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
15 Section 6–505  
16 Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
17 (2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

18 BY adding to

19 The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
20 Section 6–505  
21 Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
22 (2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

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

25 **Article 22 – Washington County**

26 [6–505.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (a) There is a Washington County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund.
- 2 (b) The Fund is a continuous, nonlapsing fund.
- 3 (c) (1) The County Commissioners shall annually appropriate \$500,000 to  
4 the Fund.
- 5 (2) The appropriation shall be in addition to funds appropriated for  
6 any subsidy for Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities.
- 7 (3) The appropriation may not be construed to replace or reduce any  
8 existing subsidy for Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities.
- 9 (4) The amount of any reduction in any existing subsidy for  
10 Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities that reduces the existing  
11 subsidy below the subsidy for Fiscal Year 2000 shall be appropriated to the Fund.
- 12 (d) All profits of the Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility shall be  
13 deposited in the Fund.]

14 **6-505.**

15 (A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ENSURE SERVICE OF THE  
16 DEBT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PRETREATMENT FACILITY FROM THE  
17 GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY AND FROM THE REVENUES GENERATED BY THE  
18 PRETREATMENT FACILITY.

19 (B) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT USE THE COSTS OF DEBT  
20 SERVICE FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PRETREATMENT FACILITY AS A  
21 FACTOR IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OR ADJUSTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER RATES  
22 IN THE COUNTY.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2011.