

SENATE BILL 392

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By: **Senators Shank, Edwards, and Young**

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CHAPTER _____

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)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article 22 – Washington County**

4 **[6–505.**

5 (a) There is a Washington County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund.

6 (b) The Fund is a continuous, nonlapsing fund.

7 (c) (1) The County Commissioners shall annually appropriate \$500,000 to
8 the Fund.

9 (2) The appropriation shall be in addition to funds appropriated for
10 any subsidy for Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities.

11 (3) The appropriation may not be construed to replace or reduce any
12 existing subsidy for Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities.

13 (4) The amount of any reduction in any existing subsidy for
14 Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities that reduces the existing
15 subsidy below the subsidy for Fiscal Year 2000 shall be appropriated to the Fund.

16 (d) All profits of the Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility shall be
17 deposited in the Fund.]

18 **6–505.**

19 **(A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ENSURE SERVICE OF THE**
20 **DEBT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PRETREATMENT FACILITY FROM THE**
21 **GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY AND FROM THE REVENUES GENERATED BY THE**
22 **PRETREATMENT FACILITY.**

23 **(B) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT USE THE COSTS OF DEBT**
24 **SERVICE FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PRETREATMENT FACILITY AS A**
25 **FACTOR IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OR ADJUSTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER RATES**
26 **IN THE COUNTY.**

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