

Chapter 623

(House Bill 598)

AN ACT concerning

Water and Sewer Service – Billing Period

FOR the purpose of authorizing a political subdivision to bill for water service on an every other month basis; authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to bill for water and sewer usage charges on an every other month basis; and generally relating to bills for water and sewer service.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–720
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–724(c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 16–101(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 25–504(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

9–720.

In Part III of this subtitle, “political subdivision”:

(1) Means any public body of this State that owns or operates any water or sewerage system, including:

- (i) A county;
- (ii) A commission;
- (iii) A district; or
- (iv) A municipal corporation; and

(2) Does not include the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

9-724.

(c) (1) The political subdivision shall send bills for water service to the property, the property owner, or the property owner's designee for each property served on a monthly, **EVERY OTHER MONTH**, quarterly, or semiannual basis.

Article – Public Utilities

16-101.

- (a) In this division the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Commission” means the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

25-504.

(b) (1) The Commission shall bill for the amount of water and sewer usage charges to each property served monthly, **EVERY OTHER MONTH**, four times a year, or twice a year, as the Commission determines.

(2) On receipt each bill is payable to the Commission.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.