

Chapter 217

(Senate Bill 517)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Contributions to Nonprofit Organizations – Process

FOR the purpose of altering the process by which the County Commissioners of Washington County make contributions to certain nonprofit organizations in Washington County; altering the deadline for submission of applications for contributions; requiring the County Commissioners to hold a public hearing on the applications; authorizing the County Commissioners to remove certain organizations from a certain list and, on request by the organization, to revise or amend the name of an organization; and generally relating to contributions made to nonprofit organizations by the County Commissioners of Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Washington County
Section 1–108
Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 22 – Washington County

1–108.

(a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the County Commissioners may contribute annually to the care, operation, maintenance, or capital expense of non–profit organizations in Washington County, if the amount is included in the regular annual budget of Washington County for that fiscal year.

(b) (1) The County Commissioners shall maintain a list of non–profit organizations that are eligible to receive funds under this section.

(2) The County Commissioners may include on the list of non–profit organizations any organization approved by Public Local Law or by the County Commissioners on or before September 30, 1998 without requiring an application or hearing before inclusion on the list.

(c) (1) The County Commissioners may add to the list under subsection (b) of this section upon application by an organization.

(2) The application shall be made [at least 90 days before the county's fiscal year begins and after a public hearing on the request for funds has been held] **ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF AUGUST PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE ORGANIZATION PLANS TO REQUEST FUNDING.**

(3) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION.

(d) **(1)** The County Commissioners shall make the list under this section available for public inspection and may publish it in the manner the County Commissioners consider appropriate.

(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY REMOVE FROM THE LIST ANY ORGANIZATION THAT CEASES OPERATIONS OR IS NO LONGER IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE STATE.

(3) ON REQUEST BY AN ORGANIZATION ON THE LIST, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY REVISE OR AMEND THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION.

(e) The County Commissioners may not reduce in the county budget the total amount of appropriations to nonprofit organizations below the total amount of appropriations made to nonprofit organizations in the budget for fiscal year 1996.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.