
By: Prince George's County and Montgomery County Delegations

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Front Foot Benefit Charges - Collection**
3 **PG/MC 36-96**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to make a
5 certain annual payment to Montgomery County and Prince George's County for
6 certain services performed by the treasurers of Montgomery County and Prince
7 George's County relating to the collection of certain benefit charges; requiring the
8 WSSC to establish a certain payment as an item of the WSSC operating budget, to
9 pay Montgomery County and Prince George's County the same amount, and to pay
10 the counties by a certain date each year; providing for the effective date of this Act;
11 and generally relating to compensation by the Washington Suburban Sanitary
12 Commission for services performed for the collection of front foot benefit charges
13 within the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District
16 Section 5-108(b) and (d)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District
21 Section 5-108(f)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

26 **Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District**

27 5-108.

28 (b) (1) The treasurers of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, or other
29 tax collecting authorities, shall:

30 (i) Print upon their tax bills the following:

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1 "To Sanitary Commission benefit charge \$.....";

2 (ii) Provide a space on the tax bills for the interest or penalty;

3 (iii) Make the proper and necessary entries on all bills sent out; and

4 (iv) Collect the amounts noted on the bills with the State and county
5 taxes.

6 (2) In Montgomery County, every property tax bill rendered for fiscal year
7 1986 and thereafter shall list separately any deferred water or sewer connection benefit
8 charges applicable to an assessed property.

9 (d) (1) On the 10th day of each month the respective treasurers shall pay the
10 WSSC the amount of the benefit charge collected by the treasurer through the last day of
11 the preceding month.

12 (2) If the treasurer fails to pay the sum as provided in this section, the
13 amount due the WSSC shall bear a penalty of 1 percent per month.

14 (3) The treasurer withholding the payment is personally liable for the failure
15 to pay it to the WSSC.

16 (f) (1) The WSSC shall pay ANNUALLY to [the treasurers of] the counties [an
17 amount that the treasurer and the WSSC agree on as] a reasonable [charge] AMOUNT
18 for the services [prescribed in this section] OF THE TREASURERS.

19 (2) [If a treasurer and the WSSC fail to agree to a charge the treasurer and
20 the WSSC shall refer the matter to the County Executive of the county where the
21 disagreement arises.

22 (3) The County Executive shall determine a reasonable amount for the
23 services of the treasurer.

24 (4) The amount determined shall be paid to the treasurer by the WSSC each
25 month.] WITH RESPECT TO THE ANNUAL PAYMENT SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF
26 THIS SUBSECTION, THE WSSC SHALL:

27 (I) ESTABLISH THE PAYMENT AS AN ITEM IN THE WSSC
28 OPERATING BUDGET;

29 (II) PAY EACH COUNTY THE SAME AMOUNT; AND

30 (III) PAY EACH COUNTY BY DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 July 1, 1996.