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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Water and Sewer Department - Payment of Fees, Assessments, and**  
3 **Charges**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the method of payment in Washington County for allocation  
5 fees and assessments for water and sewer service; repealing authority for certain  
6 periodic installment payments; requiring water and sewer service bills to be paid  
7 according to terms set forth, and at the County office designated in the billing  
8 document; authorizing the County to terminate water or sewer service if the bill  
9 remains unpaid after a certain period of time; and generally relating to the payment  
10 of fees, assessments, and charges for water and sewer service in Washington County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
13 Section 6-306 and 6-307(d)  
14 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
15 (1991 Edition and August 1994 Supplement, as amended by Chapter 86 of the Acts  
16 of the General Assembly of 1995)

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

19 **Article 22 - Washington County**

20 6-306.

21 [(a)] A property owner may pay allocation fees and assessments [as follows:

22 (1) At] AT the time of imposition of an allocation fee or assessment[; or

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1                   (2) In equal periodic installments coinciding with the billing for normal use  
2 charges, over a period of 5 years].

3                   [(b) (1) Payments under subsection (a) (2) of this section shall include interest at  
4 such rate as the County establishes at the time of the imposition of the allocation fee or  
5 assessment. Each of the owners of a parcel of property shall sign a document prepared by  
6 the County to evidence this obligation.

7                   (2) The document shall be evidence of a lien on the property to the extent of  
8 the unpaid balance and may be recorded among the Land Records for Washington  
9 County.

10                  (3) The property owners shall be responsible for delivering the signed  
11 document to the office of the District.

12                  (4) The entire unpaid balance, including accumulated interest, shall become  
13 immediately due and payable on the transfer of the property or any interest therein from  
14 the property owner signing the document.]

15 6-307.

16                  (d) Bills shall be paid [within 30 days from the date of mailing at the office of the  
17 County designated on each bill. If the bill remains unpaid 30 days after mailing, the  
18 County may rebill. If all or part of the sums included in the rebilling remain unpaid 30  
19 days after the rebilling was mailed, the County may terminate water and sewerage service  
20 to the property] ACCORDING TO THE TERMS SET FORTH, AND AT THE OFFICE OF THE  
21 COUNTY DESIGNATED IN THE BILLING DOCUMENT. IF THE BILL REMAINS UNPAID  
22 FOR 30 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DUE DATE, THE COUNTY MAY TERMINATE THE  
23 WATER OR SEWER SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY. The service may not be resumed until  
24 the bill, together with all other bills for water and wastewater service chargeable against  
25 that property, have been paid in full, in addition to any fees for disconnection and  
26 reconnection that may be established by regulation.

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