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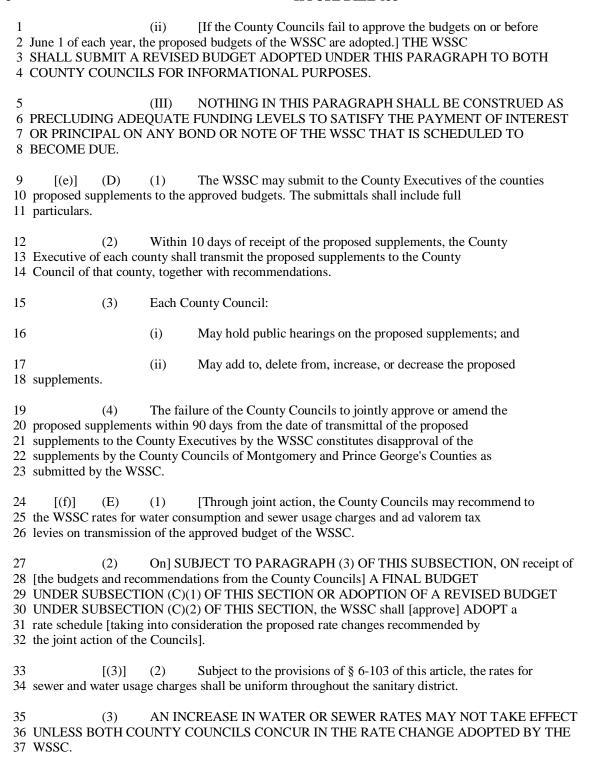
By: **Prince George's County and Montgomery County Delegations**Introduced and read first time: February 12, 1998
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	A BILL ENTITLED				
1	AN ACT concerning				
2 3 4	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Budgetary Process and Water/Sewer Rates PG/MC 5-98				
5 6 7 8 9 10	budget should the County Councils of Montgomery County and Prince George's County not concur in any change; requiring the WSSC to take certain actions should the County Councils fail to concur; requiring County Council concurrence in water or sewer rate increases adopted by the WSSC; and generally relating to				
12 14 15 16	Section 1-204 and 6-109 Annotated Code of Maryland				
17 18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:				
19	Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District				
20	1-204.				
21	(a) The WSSC:				
	(1) Before January 15 of each year, shall prepare capital and operating budgets for the next fiscal year, which shall be open for inspection by the public and copies shall be made available to the public on request;				
27	(2) Before February 15 of each year, shall hold a public hearing on the proposed budgets after giving at least 21 days' notice of the hearing by publication in at least 2 newspapers published and generally circulated in Montgomery County and 2 newspapers published and generally circulated in Prince George's County;				

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3	(3) On or before March 1 of each year, shall prepare and submit to the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, the capital and operating budgets for the WSSC, for the next fiscal year together with the record of any public hearing which was held on the budgets;			
5 6	(4) expenditures;	Shall id	entify the sources of revenue allocable to the various proposed	
	(5) Shall propose a complete schedule of rates for the water consumption and sewer usage charges and ad valorem tax levies that the WSSC considers necessary to finance the budgets;			
	(6) Shall certify the amounts necessary to be raised for the next year for the payment of interest and principal on all outstanding bonds and notes of the WSSC; and			
15	Between March 1 and April 1 of each year, may submit to the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties amendatory items to the proposed budgets, together with a declaration of need identifying the sources of revenue allocable to the proposed amendatory items.			
17	(b) Each (County Ex	ecutive shall transmit to the County Council of the county:	
	(1) The proposed budgets, together with recommendations on the proposed budgets, and the record of any public hearing held by the WSSC, not later than March 15 of each year; and			
21 22	(2) Amendatory items to the proposed budgets with their recommendations within 10 days after receipt of the amendatory items.			
23	(c) (1)	Each Co	ounty Council:	
	budgets of the WSS County Executive;	(i) SC not earl	On public notice, may hold public hearings on the proposed ier than 21 calendar days following receipt from the	
	(ii) May add to, delete from, increase, or decrease an item of either budget, and shall transmit by May 15 any proposed changes to the other County Council for review and concurrence; and			
	CONCUR ON THE WSSC.	(iii) E BUDGE	On or before June 1 of each year, IF BOTH COUNTY COUNCILS TS, shall approve the budgets and transmit them to the	
35 36	the item submitted 1, the WSSC SHAL	by] REJEO LL REVIS	If the County Councils fail to concur in a change with respect to ET by June 1, the failure to concur constitutes [approval of CTION OF THAT PROPOSED BUDGET AND, BEFORE JULY E THE BUDGET TO NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL SPENDING ATE BUDGET FOR THE THEN CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.	

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- 1 6-109.
- 2 (A) If the WSSC determines that it is necessary or desirable to modify an 3 existing rate, charge, levy, or assessment, the WSSC shall:
- 4 (1) Promptly publish separate notices of the proposed modification in at
- 5 least 1 newspaper published in each county; and
- 6 (2) Hold public hearings on the necessity or advisability of the proposed 7 modification.
- 8 (B) ANY INCREASE IN WATER OR SEWER RATES ADOPTED BY THE WSSC IS 9 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL UNDER § 1-204(E)(3) OF THIS ARTICLE.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 11 July 1, 1998.