

CHAPTER 245

(House Bill 602)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Real Property – Transfer

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, by resolution, to transfer property no longer needed for a public purpose with or without consideration to any private nonprofit organization in the county or to the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County if a certain public hearing is held; requiring certain issues to be considered at the public hearing; requiring a certain notice to be published before the public hearing; requiring the County Commissioners to have a certain appraisal included in the notice of the public hearing; requiring the County Commissioners to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the transfer of real property by St. Mary's County.

BY adding to

Article 25 – County Commissioners
Section 11A(b)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article 25 – County Commissioners

11A.

(b) (6) (i) IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY, BY RESOLUTION, TRANSFER WITH OR WITHOUT CONSIDERATION REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE TO ANY PRIVATE NONPROFIT CORPORATION IN THE COUNTY OR TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY PROVIDED THAT:

1. THERE IS A PUBLIC HEARING AT WHICH THE COMMISSIONERS SOLICIT AND RECEIVE COMMENTS CONCERNING THE TRANSFER;

2. ISSUES CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING INCLUDE:

A. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF ANY STRUCTURE ON THE PROPERTY;

B. ANY HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE;

C. COMPATIBILITY OF THE PROPOSED USE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD; AND

D. FINANCIAL ASPECTS, INCLUDING THE ABILITY OF THE PROPOSED USER TO CONSTRUCT, RENOVATE, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE A FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY;

3. NOTICE OF THE HEARING IS ADVERTISED IN AT LEAST 1 NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY AT LEAST ONCE EACH WEEK FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, THE LAST OF WHICH ADVERTISEMENT MAY NOT APPEAR LATER THAN 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE HEARING; AND

4. AN APPRAISAL IS MADE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE PROPERTY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

(II) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS PARAGRAPH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.