

Chapter 263

(Senate Bill 286)

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Legislative Services – Publication of Municipal Charter
Amendments and Local Laws of Charter and Code Counties**

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain requirement that the Department of Legislative Services publish and index the titles of certain municipal charter amendments and local laws of charter and code counties in the Session Laws of the General Assembly; requiring the Department to publish the titles or the full text of municipal charter amendments and local laws of charter and code counties on the General Assembly website; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to the publication requirements of the Department of Legislative Services regarding municipal charter amendments and local laws of charter and code counties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 4–214, 4–311(c), 9–207(c), and 9–315(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 2–1243(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Local Government

4–214.

(a) When the public proclamation under § 4–209(d) of this subtitle is made, the county commissioners or county council shall send the information concerning the municipal charter to the Department of Legislative Services, as provided in § 4–109 of this title.

(b) The municipal charter is subject to the requirements of §§ 4–310 and 4–311 of this title[, including the printing and indexing in the laws enacted by the General Assembly].

(c) The exact text of the municipal charter, including any amendments, shall be included in any edition or codification of the municipal charter.

4–311.

(c) The Department of Legislative Services shall:

(1) arrange in a logical and convenient order the titles **OR THE FULL TEXT** of the laws of the municipalities that amend the municipal charters; **AND**

(2) [print] **PUBLISH ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE** each title, identified as a title of the laws of the municipality, [in the Session Laws of the General Assembly for its regular session in that year; and

(3) index each title with or in a supplemental volume to the laws enacted by the General Assembly] **OR THE FULL TEXT OF EACH LAW OF THE MUNICIPALITIES THAT AMENDS THE MUNICIPAL CHARTERS.**

9–207.

(c) The Department of Legislative Services shall:

(1) arrange in a logical and convenient order the titles **OR THE FULL TEXT** of the laws of each charter county that amends its county code; **AND**

(2) [print] **PUBLISH ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE** each title, identified as a title of the laws of a charter county that amends its county code, [in the Session Laws of the General Assembly for its regular session in that year; and

(3) index each title with or in a supplemental volume to the laws enacted by the General Assembly] **OR THE FULL TEXT OF THE LAWS OF EACH CHARTER COUNTY THAT AMENDS ITS COUNTY CODE.**

9–315.

(c) The Department of Legislative Services shall:

(1) arrange in a logical and convenient order the titles **OR THE FULL TEXT** of the laws of each code county that amends its code of public local laws; **AND**

(2) [print] **PUBLISH ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE** each title, identified as a title of the laws of a code county that amends its code of public local laws, [in the Session Laws of the General Assembly for its regular session in that year; and

(3) index each title with or in a supplemental volume to the laws enacted

by the General Assembly] **OR THE FULL TEXT OF THE LAWS OF EACH CODE COUNTY THAT AMENDS ITS CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS.**

Article – State Government

2–1243.

- (a) (1) After each regular session, the Department shall compile and index:
 - (i) the laws that are enacted during that session;
 - (ii) the executive orders that have been adopted pursuant to Article II, § 24 of the Maryland Constitution since the last compilation; **AND**
 - (iii) the certificates of the State Board of Elections as to the referendum vote on a law, if the vote has not been published previously]; and
 - (iv) the titles of laws and statements of referendum on laws of each municipal corporation, code county, and charter county that have been delivered to the Department as required by law].
- (2) After each special session, the Department shall compile and index the laws that are enacted during that session.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.