

# HOUSE BILL 1017

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Boundary of the Frederick Soil Conservation District – Alteration**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the boundary of the Frederick Soil Conservation District to  
4 include the Catoctin Soil Conservation District; and generally relating to the  
5 Frederick Soil Conservation District.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Agriculture  
8 Section 8–301 and 8–405(c)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Agriculture**

14 8–301.

15 (a) The [24] **23** soil conservation districts are established and continued with  
16 boundaries corresponding to county boundaries[, except for Frederick County,] and include  
17 all land and water and incorporated areas, as follows:

- 18 (1) Allegany Soil Conservation District;
- 19 (2) Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District;
- 20 (3) Baltimore County Soil Conservation District;
- 21 (4) Calvert Soil Conservation District;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (5) Caroline Soil Conservation District;
- 2 (6) Carroll Soil Conservation District;
- 3 (7) Cecil Soil Conservation District;
- 4 (8) Charles Soil Conservation District;
- 5 (9) Dorchester Soil Conservation District;
- 6 (10) **FREDERICK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT;**
- 7 **(11)** Garrett Soil Conservation District;
- 8 ~~[(11)]~~ **(12)** Harford Soil Conservation District;
- 9 ~~[(12)]~~ **(13)** Howard Soil Conservation District;
- 10 ~~[(13)]~~ **(14)** Kent Soil Conservation District;
- 11 ~~[(14)]~~ **(15)** Montgomery Soil Conservation District;
- 12 ~~[(15)]~~ **(16)** Prince George's Soil Conservation District;
- 13 ~~[(16)]~~ **(17)** Queen Anne's Soil Conservation District;
- 14 ~~[(17)]~~ **(18)** St. Mary's Soil Conservation District;
- 15 ~~[(18)]~~ **(19)** Somerset Soil Conservation District;
- 16 ~~[(19)]~~ **(20)** Talbot Soil Conservation District;
- 17 ~~[(20)]~~ **(21)** Washington County Soil Conservation District;
- 18 ~~[(21)]~~ **(22)** Wicomico Soil Conservation District; **AND**
- 19 ~~[(22)]~~ **(23)** Worcester Soil Conservation District[;
- 20 (23) Catoctin Soil Conservation District within the area of Frederick County  
21 bounded by the Washington–Frederick County line, the Potomac River, and the eastern  
22 and northern boundaries of the Catoctin Creek watershed; and
- 23 (24) The Frederick Soil Conservation District comprising the balance of  
24 Frederick County land and water area].

1 (b) A Baltimore City Soil Conservation District may be established and continued  
2 with boundaries corresponding to the boundaries of Baltimore City.

3 8-405.

4 (c) (1) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an amount  
5 sufficient to employ not less than 110 field personnel in the soil conservation districts under  
6 this title.

7 (2) The appropriation for the **[24] 23** soil conservation districts shall be as  
8 follows:

9 (i) For fiscal year 2008, \$8,800,000;

10 (ii) For fiscal year 2009, \$9,200,000;

11 (iii) For fiscal year 2010, \$9,600,000; and

12 (iv) For fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, \$10,000,000.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2024.