

ing sanitary districts by the Harford County Metropolitan Commission, with the approval of the County Commissioners, and relating generally to the construction of sanitary facilities.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 407A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1957 Edition, being Article 13 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County", sub-title "Metropolitan Commission", to follow immediately after Section 407 thereof and to read as follows:

*407A. The Metropolitan Commission is authorized to adopt a resolution dividing Harford County into sanitary districts. In order to develop an appropriate plan for the creation of sanitary districts in Harford County, the Metropolitan Commission may be empowered by the County Commissioners to retain such requisite expert engineering services as may be necessary, who shall be paid by the County Commissioners from general funds of the county. The resolution adopted by the Metropolitan Commission shall refer to a map of Harford County upon which the proposed sanitary district lines shall be clearly shown. Before the resolution shall be legally effective, it shall be approved by the County Commissioners after public hearing, and a copy of the resolution and plat shall be recorded among the Land Records of Harford County. The sanitary district lines of any district, including those in existence at the time of the official adoption of such resolution, may be changed by appropriate resolution referring to a requisite plat, with approval by the County Commissioners after public hearing, and recordation among the Land Records of Harford County; provided that no outstanding bonds shall in any manner be affected by such amendments. After the exercise of the powers granted by this section by a comprehensive division of Harford County into sanitary districts, no new sanitary districts shall be created under the provisions of Section 407 of the Harford County Code (1957 Edition). For the purpose of assisting the construction of needed sanitary facilities, the County Commissioners of Harford County may advance funds to defray preliminary expenses or initial construction costs for any project approved as financially feasible under the provisions of Section 408 of this sub-title, provided that such advance of funds shall be repaid from the sale of the first bonds issued to finance such project. The County Commissioners may make temporary emergency loans to the Metropolitan Commission under appropriate agreements for repayment.*

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sub-section (a) of Section 408 of the Public Local Laws of Harford County (1957 Edition, being Article 13 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County", sub-title "Metropolitan Commission", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

408. Same; surveys, notice; petition.

(a) The Commission [shall] *may* cause surveys, plans, specifications and estimates to be made for water supply, sewerage and drainage systems in those portions of Harford County in which the Commission exercises authority, and [shall] *may* divide each sanitary district into water, sewerage and drainage districts in such way as shall, in its judgment, best serve the needs of the various communities, and shall promote convenience and economy of installation and