

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.