

CHAPTER 12.

(Senate Bill 15)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 335 of Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Health and Sanitation" (Metropolitan District), as the same was repealed and re-enacted by Chapter 1017 of the Acts of 1945, so as to permit the County Commissioners of Baltimore County in their discretion to create subclassifications of the classes of properties therein referred to fronting upon a street, lane or alley in which a water pipe or sanitary sewer is to be laid in each calendar year so as to reflect the cost of installation of any such water pipe or sanitary sewer in any such year, so as to provide for uniform assessments for each class of property and for each such subclassification thereof.

WHEREAS, Section 335 of Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), now provides that all assessments and charges, except connection charges and charges or assessments made pursuant to agreement under Section 330, shall be uniform for each class of property throughout the (Metropolitan) District, and shall be subject to change annually; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Baltimore County have established front foot assessments for the five classes of property set forth in said section; and

WHEREAS, numerous water supply and sewerage systems have been installed over a long period of years and the front foot assessments assessed in accordance with the rates so established have made it possible for said systems to be financially self-supporting, and in numerous cases in which it was impossible to make certain systems financially self-supporting by the assessment of such front foot assessments property owners have paid the County Commissioners of Baltimore County such sums as were necessary to make up the deficit; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the greatly increased cost of installing sewer and water facilities the front foot assessments as heretofore established are not in many cases sufficient to make new installations self-supporting; and

WHEREAS, it is unreasonable and unfair to increase the said front foot assessments against those properties which are financially self-supporting on the basis of the front foot assessments already assessed against and being collected from