the status of an interested person, petitioner, or party, as the case may be in all matters including appeals.]

[250.

This subtitle may be cited as the "Washington County Government Administrative Procedure Act."

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 251 of Article 25 – County Commissioners of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 236C to be under the subheading "Miscellaneous Provisions".

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 29, 1990.

## CHAPTER 539

(House Bill 114)

AN ACT concerning

## Washington County - Agricultural Land Preservation Program - Methods of Payment

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to adopt ordinances that establish certain methods of payment providing certain supplemental payments to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program, or paying for development rights or land in fee simple under the County's agricultural land preservation program; authorizing the County Commissioners to adopt ordinances that relate to agricultural preservation districts in Washington County; providing for certain long-term obligations of Washington County in certain forms; exempting certain long-term obligations from the provisions of certain laws; and generally relating to the agricultural land preservation program of Washington County.

BY adding to

Article 25 - County Commissioners

Section 9-I

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

## Preamble

WHEREAS, Washington County has an approved local program of agricultural land preservation under  $\S 9-512 2-512$  of the Agriculture Article; and

WHEREAS, In order to enhance and expand this local program in Washington County, this Act is necessary to authorize the County to be able to purchase agricultural