

Section 410, to be known as Sections 410A to 410V, inclusive, and to be under the new sub-title "Water and/or Sewer Authorities"; providing for the incorporation as bodies corporate and politic of "Authorities"; prescribing the rights, powers and duties of such authorities; authorizing such Authorities to acquire, hold, construct, reconstruct, extend, repair, improve, maintain, operate, own and lease, either as lessor or lessee, water systems and sewerage systems; authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds of such Authorities, payable solely from revenues, to pay the cost of such system or systems; , EXCEPT THAT IN DORCHESTER COUNTY THE ISSUE OF ANY SUCH BONDS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS OF THE SAID AUTHORITY; providing for the imposition and collection of rates, fees and charges for the use of and for the services furnished by the systems of such Authorities and for the application of such revenues; making such rates, fees and charges liens and providing for the recording thereof; requiring counties, municipalities, districts and political subdivisions to supply the Authorities lists of water meter readings and water bills; requiring political subdivisions, private corporations and others engaged in supplying water to shut off the supply of water for non-payment of sewer charges imposed by Authorities; providing for the execution of trust agreements to secure the payment of such bonds without conveying or mortgaging such systems; authorizing the issuance of revenue refunding bonds; exempting such systems, such revenue bonds, and the income therefrom from taxation; authorizing counties, municipalities, sanitary districts and other political subdivisions to contract with and advance money to Authorities and to transfer or lease to such Authorities existing facilities.

**SECTION 1.** *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That twenty-two new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), said new sections to be under the new sub-title "Water and/or Sewer Authorities", to be known as Sections 410A to 410V, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 410 of said Article, and to read as follows:

#### **WATER AND/OR SEWER AUTHORITIES**

**410A.** *The following terms whenever used or referred to in this sub-title shall have the following meanings, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates otherwise:*