

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland, by Chapter 66 of the Acts of the Regular Session of 1950, authorized the several sets of County Commissioners of this State to set up Special Taxing Districts for erosion prevention work; and

WHEREAS, subsequent decisions by the Court of Appeals of Maryland have indicated the possibility that said Chapter 66 of 1950 might have been invalid as a possible subject for consideration at the 1950 Session of the General Assembly by reason of not having been state-wide in its scope and application; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to remove any doubts as to the possible effectiveness of these powers of the several Boards of County Commissioners by repealing said Chapter 66 of 1950 and enacting the provisions thereof in a new bill; and

WHEREAS, it is also desirable to validate and confirm any action which may have been taken or any things done by any Board of County Commissioners purporting to act under the terms and authority of said Chapter 66 of 1950; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 167-173, inclusive, of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "County Commissioners", sub-title "Erosion", as said sections were enacted by Chapter 66 of the Acts of the Regular Session of 1950, be and they are hereby repealed; and that seven (7) new sections be and they are hereby added to said Article 25 (1951 Edition), said new sections to be known as Sections 156-162, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 155 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Erosion", and to read as follows:

156. Territory within each and every sub-division of land in any county of this State, sub-divided for residential and business uses, and abutting or bordering upon the Chesapeake Bay tributaries, or upon any other stream or body of water in this State, as shown by the plats of said respective sub-divisions recorded among the Land Records of said county, be, and the same are, hereby respectively created separate Taxing and Assessment Districts; and each District, for the purposes of this sub-title, shall bear the name of the sub-division out of which it is created.

157. (a) The County Commissioners of the County are hereby authorized and empowered to act as the Dis-