

Services, and to provide penalties for certain offenses, defined herein, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 421 to 449, inclusive, of Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "Sanitary Districts", said sections having been enacted by Chapter 243 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1955, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that said sub-title be and is hereby changed to "Urban Service Districts"; and that a new Section 449A be and is hereby added to said Article and new sub-title, to follow immediately after Section 449 thereof, and all to read as follows:

421. (a) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this sub-title, the [sanitary] *urban service* districts created under the authority of this sub-title shall be under the jurisdiction of [a commission of five (5) persons, all of whom shall be appointed by] the County Commissioners of Wicomico County, [and all of whom shall reside in Wicomico County, be resident taxpayers of said County and qualified voters thereof] *or said County Commissioners, in their discretion, may by resolution appoint a commission of five (5) persons, two of whom shall be County Commissioners, and the remaining three shall reside in Wicomico County, be resident taxpayers of said county and qualified voters thereof.* The members of the Commission shall serve without salary, but upon voucher properly certified to, shall be reimbursed by said Commission for any expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as such. The term of each of the [five (5) members] *County Commissioner members shall be for two (2) years, and the remaining three (3) members shall be [five (5) years] three (3) years or until their successors are appointed and have qualified, except that the first commissioner named by said County Commissioners shall serve for one (1) year, the second for two (2) years, and the third for three (3) years, [the fourth for four (4) years, and the fifth for five (5) years]* from the date of their appointments, and as the term of each commissioner expires, his successor shall be appointed by said County Commissioners. Any vacancies, however created, in the personnel of the Commission shall be filled by appointment by said County Commissioners for the unexpired term. The Commission shall elect one of its members as Chairman and shall appoint, discharge at pleasure, and, subject to the approval of said County Commissioners, shall fix the compensation of a secretary and/or chief engineer and such engineering, legal, clerical, and other personnel and help as from time to time the Commission may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this sub-title.

(b) All monies due and payable to the Commission from all sources whatsoever provided in this sub-title shall be collected by the Treasurer of Wicomico County, Maryland, and said Treasurer shall deposit all monies received in payment of ad valorem taxes and benefit assessments in a joint Sinking Fund to the credit of the County Commissioners of Wicomico County and the Wicomico County [Sewer and Water] *Urban Services* Commission, to be used solely for the purpose hereinafter provided in this sub-title, and all other money collected under this sub-title shall be placed in a separate account, known as the [Sanitary] *"Urban Services District Account"*, subject