

come into existence hereunder and it shall not thereafter be necessary for the County or said District to file any ordinance, resolution, certificate or articles of amendment with any person or agency other than the Clerk to the Circuit Court for Washington County.

### 530. Changes in District and Creation of Subdistricts.

(a) The County may, at any time, by ordinance or resolution filed and recorded as provided in Section 529, change the name of the District or the Commission, change the boundaries of said District, increase the number of Commissioners from the number appointed by the ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to Section 529 of this sub-title to the maximum number permitted by Section 531 of this sub-title, and change, add to or diminish the powers and purposes of said District and said Commission, provided that such ordinance or resolution shall contain only such provisions as may be lawful under this sub-title, as from time to time amended, or under any public general law of the State of Maryland applicable to Washington County and provided, further, that no such ordinance or resolution shall in any manner impair or divest any property or contract rights acquired or belonging to any person prior to the passage of any such ordinance or resolution.

(b) The powers and duties conferred on the District by this sub-title shall be exercised only in subdistricts, the creation of which may be initiated by the Commission on its own motion, at the suggestion of the County or by a petition signed by not less than fifty (50) property owners residing in any locality in the District, which petition shall outline the boundaries of the locality which said property owners desire to be created a subdistrict. Whenever the Commission shall determine, either on its own motion or in response to any such suggestion or petition, that a subdistrict shall be created for the purposes of this sub-title within the District, it shall adopt a resolution setting forth the need for such a subdistrict and the general boundaries thereof and shall submit said resolution to the County which shall approve or disapprove such resolution of the Commission within thirty (30) days after the receipt thereof and if said County shall take no action on said resolution within said period, it shall be deemed to have approved the creation of said subdistrict. Thereafter, the Commission shall cause plats of the locality, to be constituted as said subdistrict, to be prepared under the supervision of the Chief Engineer of said District or of any consulting engineer employed thereby, such plat indicating generally the proposed water system, sewerage system, surface water drainage system, or combination of such systems, to be installed. The boundaries of any subdistrict may differ, as the Commission may determine, from the boundaries outlined upon the petition of property owners above described. Every such plat shall be approved by the Commission by resolution and such approval shall be endorsed on such plat by the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission and by the President and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County. Thereafter, one copy of such plat shall be appropriately filed in the office of the Commission and one copy thereof shall be filed with the Clerk to the Circuit Court for Washington County and by him shall be recorded and appropriately indexed in the book provided for in Section 529 of this sub-title. Upon the filing of said plat, such area shown thereon shall be, and