

## CHAPTER 282

(Senate Bill 380)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 514 (a), Section 515 (a) and (b), Section 516 (a) and (b) of Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Wicomico County (1959 Edition, being Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "Urban Service Districts", relating to the establishment of Urban Service Districts in Wicomico County, Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 514 (a), Section 515 (a) and (b), Section 516 (a) and (b) of Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Wicomico County (1959 Edition, being Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "Urban Service Districts", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## 514.

(a) Districts.—The Commission may establish an urban service district or districts in Wicomico County for the purpose of providing any one or more of the following services, which are hereby defined as and sometimes hereinafter referred to as "urban services", to wit: water supply, sewage disposal, storm drainage and surface water drainage, curbing and guttering, street lighting, police protection, fire protection, and garbage and trash collection and disposal in the areas where said Commission deems it necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents living in such areas by causing surveys to be made of the proposed district or districts and by preparing a complete engineering and financial report which shall include the estimated assessed property valuation as fixed for county taxation within the proposed district, which estimated assessed valuation shall be furnished the Commission by the County Commissioners. When such surveys and estimates are completed the Commission shall give notice by publication in one or more newspapers published within the County, once a week for three (3) successive weeks, and by handbills posted and circulated in the proposed district or districts, which notice shall specify the proposed area to be included in said district or districts, together with the time and place of hearing to be held, at which hearing those present shall be informed of the contents of the engineer's survey and the probable cost of establishing said district or districts. The owners (eliminating mortgagee(s), and considering joint owners or owners in common as one person) of property lying within said proposed district or districts shall have the right to vote for or against the establishment thereof, and for the purpose of such balloting, each such owner shall be entitled to cast one vote for each \$500.00, or majority fraction thereof, of assessed valuation of his **[property] land, excepting therefrom the assessed valuation of all improvements thereon** lying within said proposed district or districts, if a majority of the votes

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

**Strike out** indicates matter stricken out of bill.