

as fixed for county taxation purposes within said area or locality, and if they find that the proposed project is feasible from an engineering and financial standpoint, and if, in addition thereto, they shall find that it is necessary to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents therein that said district be established, they may in their discretion reverse the decision of the Commission in which event they may direct the Commission to proceed to establish said district as hereinafter provided. [If] It is further provided that in the event the petitioners are dissatisfied with the decision of said County Commissioners an appeal will lie to the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland, provided said appeal is taken within thirty (30) days after the final decision has been rendered by the County Commissioners.

## 516.

(a) Petition.—Whenever twenty (20) property owners residing in any sub-district constituting part of any district in Wicomico County, as now or hereafter constituted, in which any urban service or services have been established by the Commission, or if there are not twenty (20) property owners in such sub-district then twenty-five (25) percent of the owners therein shall petition the Commission for the establishment, in addition to the existing service or services, of one or more other urban services, the Commission shall prepare without cost to the petitioners a preliminary estimate to determine the approximate cost of providing such facilities. The Commission will also submit an estimate of the cost of making surveys and preparing a complete engineering and financial report, which shall include the estimated assessed property valuation as fixed for County taxation purposes, within the sub-district involved, which estimated assess valuation shall be furnished to the Commission by the County Commissioners. Whenever such preliminary estimates are completed, the Commission shall give notice by publication in one or more newspapers published within the County, and by handbills posted and circulated in the locality where said proposed facilities are contemplated, which notice shall specify the proposed area to be served and the proposed urban service or services to be furnished therein, together with the time and place of the hearing to be held, at which hearing those present shall be given the probable cost of the proposed facilities in the area to be served, as shown by the preliminary survey, the probable cost of the preparation of the complete engineering and financial report incident thereto, and a statement of the unamortized balance due on facilities theretofore installed by the Commission in the sub-district involved. If the estimated cost of the proposed facilities, including the cost of the engineering and financial report incident thereto, plus unamortized balance of the cost of facilities already installed by the Commission in the sub-district involved, shall exceed [fifteen per centum (15%)] *twenty-five per centum (25%)* of the assessed property value as fixed for County taxation purposes in said sub-division, or if the project is not feasible from an engineering or a financial standpoint, then the Commission may, in its discretion, deny the petition. If the Commission shall deny the petition, a majority of the landowners in said sub-district may petition the Commission to prepare surveys, plans, engineers' reports, and estimates, and all costs to be incurred in making such surveys, plans, engineers' reports, and estimates, shall be borne by the landowners within the area, which estimated costs shall be certified by the Commission to the County Commissioners, who shall,