

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved March 29, 1963.

CHAPTER 238
(House Bill 1023)

AN ACT to authorize and direct the Board of County Commissioners of Wicomico County to enter into an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Somerset County indemnifying said County Commissioners of Somerset County from loss due to damages, Court costs and counsel fees or other costs that may be payable by said County Commissioners of Somerset County by reason of the maintenance dredging of the Wicomico River during the years of 1963 ~~and~~, 1964 AND 1965 under a contract with the United States Government.

WHEREAS, The United States of America, through the Army Corps of Engineers, has available funds for the maintenance dredging of certain sections of the Wicomico River, which River forms the boundary line between Wicomico County and Somerset County, and

WHEREAS, The United States Government, before undertaking said maintenance dredging, requires said Counties to enter into an agreement guaranteeing to defend, hold and save the United States, its officers, agents, servants and contractors free from any and all damages and claims of damage that may result directly or indirectly from the aforesaid work and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Said project is necessary to the welfare of the citizens of Wicomico County and to industries located therein, but will be of little or no benefit of the people of Somerset County, and

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners of Somerset County have informed the County Commissioners of Wicomico County that they will not enter into such an agreement with the United States unless said County Commissioners of Wicomico County agree to save harmless the County Commissioners of Somerset County from paying any damages, Court costs, counsel fees or other costs that may be incurred under the aforesaid agreement with the United States while the said project is in progress.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Wicomico County are authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the County Commissioners of Somerset County, that if the said County Commissioners of Somerset County jointly enter into a contract between said County Commissioners of Somerset County and the County Commissioners of Wicomico County on the one part and the United States Government on the other part, providing for the maintenance dredging of the Wicomico River in the years of 1963, ~~and~~ 1964 AND 1965, said County Commissioners of Wicomico County shall be solely liable as between Wicomico County and Somerset County for the defense of any actions filed against said County Commissioners of Somerset County