

CHAPTER 746

(Senate Bill 38)

AN ACT to add new Sections 12B through 12-I, inclusive, to Article 14B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "State Boat Act," to follow immediately after Section 12A thereof, to authorize the creation of Waterways Improvement Districts by political subdivisions of the State, to provide for the establishment of such districts and the powers of subdivisions and the ~~State Departments of Chesapeake Bay Affairs and Game and Inland Fish~~ DEPARTMENT OF CHESAPEAKE BAY AFFAIRS in relation to such districts, to establish a Waterways Improvement Section within the State Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs and to provide for its powers, to provide for financing of ~~projects within Waterways Districts~~ WATERWAYS PROJECTS by the State and by subdivisions, and to relate generally to Waterways Improvement Districts in the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 12B through 12-I, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 14B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "State Boat Act," to follow immediately after Section 12A thereof, to read as follows:

12B.

(a) *The governing body, as defined herein, is authorized on its own initiative or otherwise to establish and designate areas of land and/or water within its jurisdiction as Waterways Improvement Districts, subject to the provisions of Section 12C.*

(b) *The governing body shall act as the district council for the district and shall have such power and authority in carrying out its duties hereunder as may be vested by law in it or as may be reasonably necessary to carry out its duties.*

12C.

The governing body shall refer every proposed district to the Section of Waterways Improvement of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs for a report and evaluation of the benefits to be achieved by creation of the proposed district. The section shall review the proposed district and submit a report to the governing body containing recommendations on the feasibility and need for the proposed district. The report shall include the area to be included within the district, the work or projects to be carried out within the district pursuant to Section 12F herein and the estimated costs for the work or projects recommended.

12D.

The Commission on Chesapeake Bay Affairs ~~and the Commission on Game and Inland Fish~~ are IS authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of Sections 12B through 12-I, inclusive, of this article.

12E.

(a) *The Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs shall be responsible for the ~~following~~ ADMINISTRATIVE duties in carrying out the purpose of Sections 12B through 12-I, inclusive, of this article:*