

preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 4, 1965.

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CHAPTER 696

(Senate Bill 585)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subparagraph (a) of Section 419 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Cecil County (1961 Edition), being Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Cecil County", sub-title "Sanitary Districts", and to change the lettering and titles of the subparagraphs of said section so as to divide said subparagraph (a) into two subparagraphs designated respectively subparagraphs (a) and (b), thereby changing the lettering of the subsequent subparagraphs and further dividing subparagraph (d) of said

section into two subparagraphs, thereby changing the lettering of the last subparagraph of said section; the purpose of these amendments being to prescribe the procedure for the collection by the County Treasurer of Cecil County of special benefit assessments levied by the Cecil County Metropolitan Commission and to adapt said procedure to the tax levy and collection procedure, by fiscal years, hereafter in effect in Cecil County; further clarifying the procedure for fixing such benefit assessments and the fact that interest shall be due on all assessments in default.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That subparagraph (a) of Section 419 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Cecil County (1961 Edition), said Code being Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Cecil County", sub-title "Sanitary Districts", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted as two subparagraphs of said Section 419, as follows:

419. Benefit charges.

(a) Establishment and method of collection. For the purpose of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued by said Commission as in this sub-title provided for the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems to be constructed, purchased or established under this sub-title, the said Commission is hereby empowered to establish a proper and reasonable charge for connection with said water supply, sewerage and drainage system so to be constructed, purchased or established as aforesaid and to fix an annual assessment on all properties, improved or unimproved, binding upon a street, road, lane, alley or right-of-way in which a water main, sewer or drain has been built. The said annual assessment shall be made upon the front foot basis, and the first payment shall be collected during the year in which the construction is completed on the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems, or in which the systems are purchased or acquired. *At least ~~thirty~~ SIXTY days before the*