

## CHAPTER 101

(House Bill 172)

AN ACT to amend Section 16 of Chapter 780 of the Laws of Maryland, 1959, as amended, (being also Section 59-17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County, title, "Budgetary Procedures," and Section 72-21 of the Montgomery County Code) to require that budget hearings ON THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 1966, be held by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on or before May 15 ~~of each year.~~, 1966, AND TO REQUIRE THAT BUDGET HEARINGS ON THE BUDGETS FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS BE HELD BY THE SAID COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE APRIL 10 OF EACH RESPECTIVE YEAR.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 16 of Chapter 780 of the Laws of Maryland, 1959, as amended, (being also Section 59-17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County, and Section 72-21 of the Montgomery County Code) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

16. (59-17) (72-21) Budgetary Procedures.

None of the provisions of any public general law governing the preparation and filing of budgets by agencies of the State of Maryland shall be applicable to the budgetary procedure of the Commission. The budget programs and procedures heretofore followed by the Commission are ratified and confirmed and approved for use by the Commission hereafter, together with such improvements therein as in the discretion of the Commission shall be deemed necessary or appropriate in the public interest. The Commission is expressly directed to hold two public hearings on the budget proposed to be adopted by it for its fiscal year beginning July 1 of each year. The hearings shall be held prior to ~~March~~ *May* 15, 1966 ON THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 1966, one to be in Prince George's County and one to be in Montgomery County. FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS, THE HEARINGS SHALL BE HELD PRIOR TO APRIL 10, ONE TO BE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND ONE TO BE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY at least ten (10) days' notice of each such respective hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in the county where the hearing is to be held.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of 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 March 23, 1966.