

CHAPTER 166

(Senate Bill 413)

AN ACT to add a new Section 237 to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County", subtitle "Planning and Subdivision Control", to follow immediately after Section 236 thereof, relating generally to securing a workable plan of street names and numbering of houses and businesses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 237 be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County", subtitle "Planning and Subdivision Control", to follow immediately after Section 236 thereof, and to read as follows:*

237. Street names and house numbers.

(a) For the purpose of removing confusion because of a duplication of street names and in order to secure a workable plan of street names and/or numbering of houses and businesses, the Commission is authorized to name and re-name any street or highway and to number and re-number the houses and businesses within the boundaries of Howard County. The Commission has the power to correct mistakes and to change existing names of streets and highways, and to re-name the streets and highways from time to time and to have placed proper signs showing or indicating the names of streets and highways. The Commission also has the power to change existing numbers of houses and businesses and to change these numbers from time to time, provided each new number or change of number is reported to the owner or occupant of the building. The Commission also is authorized to have placed the new numbers on the building or premises. The Commission has the power to make reasonable rules and regulations for carrying out any of the changes in street or highway names or numbers of buildings.

(b) The Commission may adopt a workable plan of street names and/or numbering of houses and businesses as a whole by a single resolution or may by successive resolutions adopt successive parts of the plan, said parts corresponding with major geographical sections or divisions of the County or with functional subdivisions of the subject matter of the plan, and may adopt any amendment or extension thereof or addition thereto. Before the adoption of the plan or any such part, amendment, extension, or addition the Commission shall hold at least one public hearing thereon, notice of the time and place of which shall be given by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County. The adoption of the plan or of any such part or amendment or extension or addition shall be by resolution of the Commission carried by the affirmative votes of not less than three members of the Commission. The resolution shall refer expressly to the maps and descriptive and other matter intended by the Commission to form the whole or part of the plan, and the action taken shall be recorded on the map and plan descriptive matter by the identifying signatures of the chairman of the Commission, and the Planning Commissioner. An attested copy of the plan or