

title "Health," subtitle "Sanitary Districts," to change the conditions under which sanitary commissions may ~~reduce~~ CHANGE the amount of front foot charges against property owners for construction of water or sewerage facilities.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 657 (c) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Sanitary Districts," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(c) The classification of and the benefit assessed against any property as made by the commission shall be final, subject only to revision at said hearing. The commission may change the classification or property from time to time as said properties change in the uses to which they are put. Said benefits shall be levied for both water supply and sewerage construction and shall be based for each class of property upon the number of front feet abutting upon the street, lane, road, alley or right-of-way in which the water pipe or sewer is placed; provided, however, that in the case of any irregular shaped lot abutting upon a road, street, lane, alley or right-of-way in which there is or is being constructed a water main or sewer at any point, said lot shall be assessed for such frontage as the commission may determine to be reasonable and fair; and provided further that no lot in a subdivision property shall be assessed on more than one side, unless said lot abuts upon two parallel streets, that corner lots may be averaged and assessed upon such frontage as the commission may deem reasonable and fair, and that all lots in this class shall be assessed even though a water main or sewer may not extend along the full length of any boundary; and provided further, that no land so classified as agricultural by this commission shall be assessed a front-foot benefit when said agricultural land has constructed through it or in front of it a sewer or water main, until such time as the water or sewer connection is made, and when so made and for every connection such land shall become liable to a front-foot assessment for such reasonable frontage not exceeding three hundred (300) feet, as may be determined by said commission, and shall be immediately assessed at the rate of assessment determined by said commission for agricultural land. Front-foot benefit charges for water supply and sewerage construction shall be as nearly uniform as is reasonable and practical for each class or subclass of property throughout each sanitary district for any one year, provided, however, that whenever the commission acquires an existing system other than a municipal system, the cost of construction of which has been added in whole or in part to the purchase price of land or lots abutting upon said system and which contribution the commission has determined to be a factor in the cost to the commission of such system, the commission may, in its discretion, levy a front-foot assessment less than the uniform front-foot assessment levied in the remainder of the sanitary district in which said system is located. The amount of the charge per front foot for each class of property for both water mains and sewers may be [reduced from time to time by the commission in its discretion, if costs and conditions are deemed by it to justify such reduction] *changed from time to time as the Commission, in its dis-*