

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 657(b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Health", subtitle "Sanitary Districts", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

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(b) Whenever any water supply or sewerage project in any sanitary district or sanitary districts shall have been completed by March 31st, in any one year, regardless of when said construction was commenced, then the said commission shall fix and levy a benefit charge as of the first day of July of the year in which the project was completed upon said water main or sewer, in accordance with the classification or subdivision thereof, and shall in writing, notify all owners of said properties into which class and subdivision their respective properties fall and the charge determined upon, naming also in said notice a time and place, when and at which time said owner will be heard. Such notice may be mailed to the last known address of the owner, or served in person upon any adult occupying the premises or in case of a vacant or unimproved property posted upon the premises.

*In Allegany County, any other section or subsections of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, whenever any water supply or sewerage project in any sanitary district or districts shall be completed, the Commission shall from that time be authorized to fix the annual benefit assessment in the manner provided for herein and shall be authorized to levy and collect a pro rata benefit charge for the remainder of the current fiscal year if any then remaining and, thereafter, shall levy and collect the annual benefit assessment charge in the manner provided for herein.*

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 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 April 10, 1968.

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CHAPTER 164

(Senate Bill 642)

AN ACT to add a new subsection 1 (E) to Chapter 496 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1966, to follow immediately after subsection 1 (D) thereof, amending the law giving the Board of Public Works power to acquire certain properties and the improvements thereon located in or near the City of Annapolis, in order to authorize the Board to acquire other properties located in or near the City of Annapolis, and relating generally to the purposes and procedures for such acquisition.