

STRUCTION OF THE STATION OR LINE. THE COMMISSION SHALL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON EACH APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY BY ORDER AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES OF THE AREAS AFFECTED AND GIVING FULL WEIGHT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUCH BODIES FOLLOWING A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN THE LOCALITY AFFECTED, AND IT SHALL ALSO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION, AMONG OTHER FACTORS, TO THE NEED TO MEET PRESENT AND FUTURE DEMANDS FOR SERVICE, EFFECT ON SYSTEM STABILITY, ECONOMICS, ESTHETICS AND, WHEN APPLICABLE, THE EFFECT ON AIR AND WATER POLLUTION. THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON EACH APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN EACH AREA AFFECTED, TOGETHER WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF EACH AREA AFFECTED, UNLESS THE AREA IN WHICH ANY PORTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GENERATING STATION OR AN OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE DESIGNED TO CARRY A VOLTAGE IN EXCESS OF 69,000 VOLTS IS PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED, TOGETHER WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES OF EACH SUCH AREA, UNLESS ANY SUCH GOVERNING BODY WISHES NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING. THE COMMISSION SHALL TAKE FINAL ACTION ONLY AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUCH GOVERNING BODIES, THE NEED TO MEET PRESENT AND FUTURE DEMANDS FOR SERVICE, EFFECT ON SYSTEM STABILITY AND RELIABILITY, ECONOMICS, ESTHETICS, HISTORIC SITES, AND, WHEN APPLICABLE, THE EFFECT ON AIR AND WATER POLLUTION. THE SAID PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE ADVERTISED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE AREA AFFECTED ONCE IN EACH OF THE TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE HEARING.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

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CHAPTER 494

(Senate Bill 24)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subsections (f) and (g) of Section 277 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Recordation Tax," to alter the basis upon which the recordation tax on leases shall be computed, to exempt certain leases creating ground rents from the provisions thereof, and to provide for cases in which instruments substituting for leases are recorded, rather than the lease itself.