

body of water in this State. [The said county commissioners, acting as district council, shall provide the necessary engineering agency for the preparation of plans, specification, contracts and supervision.]

167B(a).

The owners of seventy-five percentum (75%) of any property or seventy-five percentum (75%) of the owners of any property may present a written petition to the county commissioners of any one or more counties wherein the property lies requesting the creation of a district. The petition shall describe the boundaries of the property proposed to be created as a district. Upon receiving a petition the county commissioners shall refer the petition to the [section of shore erosion control of the] Department of [Tidewater Fisheries] *Natural Resources*. The [section] *Department* shall review the petition and submit its report to the county commissioners containing its recommendation on the feasibility and need for a district. The report shall include the area to be included within the district, plans for erosion control and estimated costs for the erosion control projects recommended.

*See* 7 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 756, 757, and 758A of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume and 1969 Cumulative Supplement) title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Shore Erosion Control" be and they are hereby repealed in their entirety, and that in their place, new Sections 756, 756A, 757, 758A and 758B be enacted and added to the same subtitle, all to read as follows:

*Shore Erosion Control*

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*The Department of Natural Resources shall have the following powers and duties:*

(a) *To develop and implement a program to educate the public on all phases of shore and bank erosion, its causes, its effects, the locations where erosion is a problem, and steps to be taken to control erosion.*

(b) *To review petitions for formation of shore erosion control districts presented to any of the counties or Baltimore City and to report to the counties or Baltimore City as provided by Section 167B of Article 25 of this Code.*

(c) *To provide technical assistance to individual property owners, municipalities and counties having specific shore and bank erosion problems.*

(d) *To design, or cause to be designed, shore erosion control structures, including vegetative cover, in shore erosion control districts.*

(e) *To enter into agreements with persons, corporations, municipalities or counties for construction of shore erosion control structures.*