

rate of one-half per centum ($\frac{1}{2}\%$) per month. Neither the due dates nor the interval between such dates need be uniform throughout the sanitary district.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 519
(House Bill 502)

AN ACT to repeal AND RE-ENACT, WITH AMENDMENTS, Section 18 of Article 57 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Limitations of Actions," to ~~remove the specified times~~ PROVIDE A UNIFORM TIME by which notice of action is to be given when claims are made against municipalities or counties OR BALTIMORE CITY for damages for any injury to person or property, AND TO PERMIT AN EXCEPTION THERETO.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 18 of Article 57 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Limitations of Actions," be and it is hereby repealed AND RE-ENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read as follows:

§18. Notice required of claims against municipal corporations and certain counties.

(a)~~(1)~~ No action shall be maintained and no claims shall be allowed against any municipal corporation or against any ~~of the counties enumerated in this subsection~~ COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY for unliquidated damages for any injury or damage to person or property unless within ~~the times specified in this section~~ 180 DAYS after the injury or damage was sustained, written notice setting forth the time, place or cause of the alleged damage, loss, injury or death shall be presented either in person or by registered mail by the claimant, his agent or attorney, or in the case of death, by his executor or administrator, to the county commissioners, county council, the corporate authorities of the municipal corporation or the city solicitor of Baltimore City, as the case may be. In Montgomery County and Howard County, written notice shall be presented to the county executive.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF (A) ABOVE, THE COURT MAY, UPON MOTION AND FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, ENTERTAIN THE SUIT EVEN THOUGH THE REQUIRED NOTICE WAS NOT GIVEN, UNLESS PROVIDED FURTHER THE DEFENDANT CAN AFFIRMATIVELY SHOW THAT ITS DEFENSE HAS BEEN PREJUDICED THEREBY.

[(2) The provisions of this subsection shall be applicable within Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Frederick,