

Under Sec. 20(k)~~(2)~~ (3) 10
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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved April 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 172
 (House Bill 1298)

AN ACT to provide for the establishment of a commission to study the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission AND GENERALLY RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is a governmental agency operating a vast public utility system, supplying water and disposing of sewage, encompassing substantial portions of the areas of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, providing building and maintenance of storm drainage, ~~conducting refuse collection services,~~ and controlling marina facilities in Prince George's County, whose annual operating and debt service expenditures are approximately \$50,000,000 and whose annual capital expenditures items are approximately another ~~\$50,000,000~~ \$101,000,000 for a total of nearly ~~\$100,000,000~~ \$151,000,000 annually in expenditures of public monies and the incurring of related public debt; and

WHEREAS, The plans, programs, policies and operations of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission have a vast impact on the location, rate, and timing of the development which occurs in the two counties; and

WHEREAS, the planning programs for the orderly development of the two counties require that this agency provide programs which are fully capable of being coordinated with and of implementing the county plans, programs, and policies; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the functions now performed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission become more responsive to the land development and fiscal policies and programs of the respective counties; and

WHEREAS, foreseeable requirements for water supply and sewerage disposal facilities in the Washington Metropolitan Area may require an agency to administer certain regional functions; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the interests of the users, taxpayers, and citizens of the counties involved be effectively and responsively met; and

It is, therefore, necessary that a study be made of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and a plan devised to meet appropri-