

valves, engines and machinery belonging to any company using or engaged in the supplying of water for domestic, agricultural or manufacturing purposes, or either of them; or to make any connection with any such canals, springs, reservoirs, tunnels, mounds, dams, plugs, mains, pipes, conduits, connections, taps, valves, engines and machinery, for the purpose of wasting or using such water, or to in anywise tamper with any meters used to register the water consumed, unless such person or persons shall be duly authorized by or be in the employ of such company. I; provided, that nothing] NOTHING in this section shall in any way interfere with the lawful supervision and control of water companies, their canals, springs, reservoirs, tunnels, mounds, dams, plugs, mains, pipes, conduits, connections, taps, valves, engines and machinery by the municipalities. I; nor shall anything] NOTHING in this section SHALL interfere with any right now existing in any municipality to pass ordinances relating to and regulating such water companies.

**(B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO ANY PUBLICLY OWNED WATER SUPPLY COMPANY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

(C)Any person or persons found guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be imprisoned not exceeding six months or fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or both or either, at the discretion of the court; provided, that none of the provisions of this section shall apply to Carroll County.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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#### CHAPTER 830

(House Bill 1028)

AN ACT to add new Section 10F to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 10E thereof, to authorize the County Commissioners of Talbot County: (1) to determine the salary and expenses of the Talbot County State's Attorney and his assistant; (2) to determine the necessary costs and expenses related to the efficient performance of the Talbot County State's Attorney's Office; (3) to determine the compensation and expenses of the Talbot County Supervisors of Elections Board; (4) to regulate the possession and maintenance of dogs and to set dog license fees; (5) to determine both the salary of the Talbot County Sheriff and the necessary costs and expenses for the efficient operation of his office; and (6) to determine the salary and expenses of the judges of the Talbot County Orphans' Court; to provide that unless and until superseded by action of the County Commissioners or County Treasurer under this Act, all public general and public local laws regulating the matters affected by this Act which are in force on the effective date of this Act shall remain in full force and effect; to provide a procedure for the enactment of any legislation authorized by this Act with which the Talbot County Commission must comply; and generally relating to the operation of the local government of Talbot County.