

WORK AND PRAYING JUDGMENT WITH INTEREST. THE COURT MAY ENTER A JUDGMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE SUPERVISOR'S COSTS AND EXPENSES, WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 5 PERCENT PER YEAR, TOGETHER WITH THE COSTS OF SUIT, INCLUDING A REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEE FIXED BY THE COURT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 66C, §98 of the Code. Present provisions relating to the responsibility of the court to issue process and serve a copy of the petition on the defendant and its authority to take evidence, appoint a master in equity, dismiss the petition, and require the defendant to perform the work are omitted here because general laws or rules vest the court with these responsibilities and powers. The present provisions setting forth the content of the bill of complaint are omitted since pleadings are properly left to the discretion of the draftsman. New language is added to subsection (a) to indicate that the Circuit Court of the County, which has equity jurisdiction, is the appropriate court. No reference is made to the Circuit Court of Baltimore City because the City does not lie within a soil conservation district.

SUBTITLE 4. DIVISION, COMBINATION, AND TERMINATION OF DISTRICTS.

SEC. 8-401. PROCEDURE TO DIVIDE OR COMBINE DISTRICTS.

(A) PETITION TO DIVIDE OR COMBINE.

ANY DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS ORGANIZED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE MAY BE DIVIDED OR COMBINED, OR DIVIDED AND COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS. AT LEAST 25 LAND OCCUPIERS OF ANY DISTRICT AFFECTED BY A PROPOSED DIVISION OR COMBINATION, OR BOTH, SHALL SIGN AND FILE WITH THE COMMITTEE A PETITION REQUESTING THAT ANY DISTRICT AND ITS OPERATIONS BE DIVIDED OR COMBINED, OR BOTH, IN THE MANNER REQUESTED. THE COMMITTEE SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE PETITION.

(B) HEARINGS; DEFINITION OF PROPOSED BOUNDARIES.

THE COMMITTEE MAY CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PETITION AS NECESSARY TO ASSIST