

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 78A be and it is hereby added to the Public Local Laws of Charles County being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1969 Edition and 1972 Supplement,) to read as follows:

Article 9

78A.

(A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY MAY, BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION, PROVIDE FOR THE ABOLITION OF ANY WATER OR SEWER AUTHORITY CREATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 445 THROUGH 456 OF ARTICLE 43 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND THE ABOLITION OF ANY DISTRICT CREATED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 545 THROUGH 673 OF ARTICLE 43 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND. HOWEVER:

(1) ABOLITION MAY IN NO WAY IMPAIR OR AFFECT THE VALIDITY OR ENFORCEABILITY OF ANY PROCEEDING OR ACTION TAKEN, OR ANY OBLIGATIONS OR INDEBTEDNESS INCURRED BY THE AUTHORITY OR DISTRICT OR ITS GOVERNING BODY PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ABOLISHING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION;

(2) ALL EXISTING OBLIGATIONS (WHETHER BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OR OTHERWISE) OF THE AUTHORITY OR DISTRICT SHALL DEVOLVE UPON, AND BE ASSUMED BY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY OPERATION OF THIS SECTION OF THIS CODE; AND

(3) A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION WHICH SHALL RECEIVE THEM AND ENDORSE ON THE COPY THE DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT.

UPON RECEIPT OF THE ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION, THE CORPORATE EXISTENCE OF THE AUTHORITY OR DISTRICT CEASES AND THE AUTHORITY OR DISTRICT IS ABOLISHED AND ALL THE PROPERTY, POWERS, RIGHTS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS THEREOF SHALL DEVOLVE UPON AND BE EXERCISED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(B) WHERE AN AUTHORITY OR DISTRICT HAS BEEN ABOLISHED, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY CREATE A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PROVIDE FOR ITS ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS AND DELEGATE TO THE DEPARTMENT ALL OR ANY DELEGABLE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES OR POWERS PROVIDED IN SECTION 450 OF ARTICLE 43 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, WHEN AN AUTHORITY HAS BEEN ABOLISHED, AND PROVIDED IN SECTION 650 OF ARTICLE 43 OF THE ANNOTATED