

AN ACT concerning**St. Mary's County - Service Charges**

For the purpose of making a change in terminology in the local laws of St. Mary's County; providing for monthly charges for certain services in St. Mary's County; providing for late charges; making provisions generally relating to those service charges; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 169
Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1965 Edition and 1974 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 169 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1965 Edition and 1974 Supplement, as amended) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 19

169.

For the purpose of providing funds for maintenance, repairing and operating its water supply, sewerage or drainage systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including proper depreciation allowances, and for interest on, and the retirement of bonds as specified in this subtitle, the Commission is hereby empowered to make a ready-to-serve charge on water and a charge for the upkeep of sewers chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe or sewer pipe under its supervision or ownership. [Said] THE rate for both ready-to-serve and [such] THE charge for the upkeep on sewers shall be uniform throughout [such] THE sanitary district, subject to [such] THE changes THAT from time to time [as] may be necessary. The Commission shall have the right to collect in advance of water or sewerage service a reasonable deposit. The charge for the upkeep on sewers shall be reasonable and payable in the same manner as [benefit] DEBT SERVICE assessments and shall be a first lien against all property having a connection with any sewer pipe under its supervision or ownership. The rates for water service shall consist of a minimum or ready-to-serve charge, which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall be