

SUIT WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THE CLAIM AROSE OR WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT GIVING RISE TO THE CLAIM, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

(D) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY OF EVERY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR THE SATISFACTION OF ANY FINAL JUDGMENT, AFTER THE EXHAUSTION OF ANY RIGHT OF APPEAL, WHICH HAS BEEN RENDERED AGAINST THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR ANY OFFICER, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER UNIT OF GOVERNMENT IN AN ACTION IN CONTRACT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 1A be and it is hereby added to Article 25 - County Commissioners, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

1A.

(A) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED BY THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, A COUNTY GOVERNED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ORGANIZED ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND EVERY OFFICER, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER UNIT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT MAY NOT RAISE THE DEFENSE OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY IN THE COURTS OF THIS STATE IN AN ACTION IN CONTRACT BASED UPON A WRITTEN CONTRACT EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, OR ITS DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR UNIT BY AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS AUTHORITY.

(B) IN ANY SUCH ACTION, THE COUNTY, OR ITS OFFICER, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER UNIT OF GOVERNMENT IS NOT LIABLE FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES.

(C) A CLAIM IS BARRED UNLESS THE CLAIMANT FILED SUIT WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THE CLAIM AROSE OR WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT GIVING RISE TO THE CLAIM, WHICHEVER IS LATEP.

(D) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EVERY COUNTY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR THE SATISFACTION OF ANY FINAL JUDGMENT, AFTER THE EXHAUSTION OF ANY RIGHT OF APPEAL, WHICH HAS BEEN RENDERED AGAINST THE COUNTY, OR ANY OFFICER, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER UNIT OF GOVERNMENT IN AN ACTION IN CONTRACT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 1A be and it is hereby added to Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows: