

FAILURE OF ANY OWNER TO RECEIVE THE MAILED COPY DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE PROCEEDINGS. THE DATE OF HEARING SHALL BE SET AT LEAST TEN OR NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CLERK COMPLETED PUBLICATION AND SERVICE OF NOTICE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. FOLLOWING THE HEARING THE COMMISSION IN ITS DISCRETION MAY VOTE TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AND MAY LEVY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

(5) APPEALS. ANY INTERESTED PERSON FEELING AGGRIEVED BY THE LEVYING OF ANY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION HAS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE LEVYING OF ANY ASSESSMENT BY THE COMMISSIONERS.

(6) INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE IN ANNUAL OR MORE FREQUENT INSTALLMENTS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, NOT TO EXCEED 40 YEARS, AND IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS. THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL DETERMINE ON WHAT DATE INSTALLMENTS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE. INTEREST MAY BE CHARGED ON INSTALLMENTS AT THE RATE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

(7) OVERDUE. ALL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INSTALLMENTS SHALL BE OVERDUE SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THEY BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE. ALL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ARE LIENS ON THE PROPERTY AND ALL OVERDUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY TAXES OR BY SUIT AT LAW.

(8) NOTICE AS TO LIENS AND CHARGES. FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AS TO EXISTING LIENS AND CHARGES AGAINST ANY PROPERTY FOR BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS, THE COUNTY TREASURER SHALL KEEP A PUBLIC RECORD OF THE NAMES OF PROPERTY OWNERS AND AMOUNT OF THE BENEFIT CHARGES. THE RECORD SO MAINTAINED BY THE TREASURER OF THE BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEGAL NOTICE OF SUCH LIENS.

(9) COLLECTION. ALL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE BILLED AND COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY TREASURER.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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CHAPTER 829

(House Bill 1842)

AN ACT concerning