SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

CHAPTER 598

(House Bill 1815)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County - Public Transportation System

purpose of providing that Transportation System for Washington County shall not be under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law Section 1 Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

EY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Washington County Section 8-41(f) Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland (1970 Edition and 1975 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 1 of Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

1.

The jurisdiction and powers of the Public Service Commission shall extend to all public service companies, as hereinafter defined, engaged in or operating a utility business in this State, and to certain additional motor carriers, as hereinafter provided, to the full extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the United States. The powers of the Commission shall be liberally construed; and the