

- (5) When State law specifically prohibits an open meeting;
- (6) When an open meeting would conflict with a condition for anonymity of the donor contained in a gift or bequest to a public agency;
- (7) When secrecy is necessary to prevent the premature disclosure of examinations;
- (8) When a public agency discusses strategy in collective bargaining or litigation, or engages in collective bargaining; and
- (9) When public agencies discuss the distribution of police forces to cope with public safety emergencies.
- (10) Cost estimates for capital projects to be subsequently placed through the bidding process.
- (11) PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION CONCERNING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

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CHAPTER 618

(House Bill 1979)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County Sewer Use Ordinance

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, in order to comply with certain regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency contained in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, to enact a Sewer Use Ordinance for St. Mary's County to regulate the use of public and