

(Senate Bill 952)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Annual Benefit Assessments

FOR the purpose of altering in Charles County the method by which annual front-foot benefit assessments are billed and paid; permitting unpaid annual benefit assessments to be collected by a tax sale of the property against which they are assessed; clarifying language; and generally relating to annual benefit assessments in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Charles County
Section 78B(j) (6), (1) (2), (3), and (4)
Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1969 Edition and 1977 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 9 - Charles County

78B.

(j) (6) Connections[; payment of assessments]. The County Commissioners may at any time permit a connection with a water main or sewer by a property owner whose property does not abut on a water main or sewer and who has not previously paid a benefit assessment for the construction of the water main or sewer provided, the County Commissioners classify the property and determine a front-foot assessment to be paid by the property owner as though the property abutted upon a water main or sewer; and if the connection is made, the property owner and the property as to all charges, rates, and benefits stand in each respect in the same position as if the property abutted upon a water main or sewer. [Front-foot assessments shall be payable at the office of the County Commissioners or such other place as they may designate immediately upon being levied, and shall be overdue and in default after 60 days from that date of levy at which time the County Commissioners may proceed to enforce payment thereof; and the assessment and any judgment or decree obtained as a result of default in the payment thereof shall bear interest at the rate of 1/2 of 1 percent per month from and after the time the assessment is in default.]

(1) (2) [Charges] BILLING ON PAYMENT OF CHARGES; CHARGES to constitute liens.