

commence its activities when there shall have been filed with the Secretary of State and the Department of Legislative Reference resolutions of participation of at least two of the following ~~three~~ four counties: Anne Arundel County, Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Baltimore County, and Harford County; providing that the Authority shall consist of one member from each participating county, ~~the executive director of the Authority and the Treasurer of the State of Maryland~~ and the director of the Maryland Environmental Service ex officio and that the member from each participating county shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of persons submitted by such county; providing for an executive director, general counsel, and staff of such Authority; ~~prohibiting the executive director from voting except in the case of a tie vote of the other members present~~; authorizing the Authority to enter into such agreements with the Maryland Environmental Service as the Authority may deem necessary or appropriate to provide for the assumption of all or any part of the Authority's activities by the Maryland Environmental Service; stating that, without in any way limiting the discretion of the Authority, the Authority and the Maryland Environmental Service should cooperate to the maximum extent practicable in effecting a regional waste disposal program in the participating counties; providing certain limitations with respect to projects located outside of the participating counties; authorizing the Authority to undertake certain planning functions and other responsibilities in accordance with section 3-106 of Title 3 of the Natural Resources Article; granting the Authority the power to acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, maintain, equip, lease, repair, and operate certain waste disposal and energy generation projects; granting the Authority the power to issue bonds, including bond anticipation notes, grant and revenue anticipation notes and industrial development revenue bonds for any corporate purposes, including the financing of such projects; granting to the Authority the power to take and hold title to any project transferred to the Authority and to assume the obligations or indebtedness of the transferring subdivision incurred in connection with such project; granting to the Authority the power to enter into contracts, certain of such contracts to be deemed for the benefit of certain bondholders; providing for the Authority to receive loans and grants and to participate in waste disposal, energy generation and resource recovery programs; providing for the Authority to make loans to subdivisions or other persons from the proceeds of its revenue bonds in order to provide projects authorized by the Authority; authorizing the Authority to establish rules and regulations with respect to its projects and operations and to fix, charge, and collect rates, rentals, fees,

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