

TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BY THE CONTRIBUTION BY THE COUNTY OF CAPITAL AND OPERATING FUNDS TO ENABLE TRANSPORTATION TO BE PROVIDED AT THE LOWEST COST TO ALL CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY THE INDIGENT; AND TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE BY CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

(2) EACH CHARTERED COUNTY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT ONE OR MORE FRANCHISES FOR A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ON AN EXCLUSIVE OR NONEXCLUSIVE BASIS, TO IMPOSE FRANCHISE FEES, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN RATES, TO ESTABLISH RULES, REGULATIONS, AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS TO GOVERN THE OPERATION OF THE FRANCHISES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY SUCH MEASURE, AND TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ON AN EXCLUSIVE BASIS, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES, REGULATIONS, AND RATES, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ANTICOMPETITIVE EFFECT.

(B) (1) IT HAS BEEN AND SHALL CONTINUE TO BE THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE EACH CHARTERED COUNTY TO SUPPLANT DISPLACE OR LIMIT COMPETITION IN THE AREA OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS ~~AND WASTE-COLLECTION-SERVICES, AND--WASTE--DISPOSAL--SERVICES~~ IN ORDER TO ASSURE DELIVERY OF ADEQUATE, ECONOMICAL, AND EFFICIENT SERVICES TO ITS CITIZENS, TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ITS CITIZENS, TO CONTROL DISEASE, TO PREVENT BLIGHT AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, ~~TO--PROMOTE--THE--GENERATION--OF--ENERGY--AND--THE--RECOVERY--OF--USABLE~~ ~~RESOURCES--FROM--WASTE,~~ TO UTILIZE EFFICIENTLY THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO PROTECT LIMITED NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY, ~~TO--LIMIT--WASTE,--NOXIOUS~~ ~~ODORS,--AND--UNSIGHTLY--GARBAGE--AND--DECAY;~~ AND TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL HEALTH AND WELFARE BY PROVIDING FOR ADEQUATE WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS, ~~--WASTE-COLLECTION-SERVICES,--AND--WASTE-DISPOSAL~~ ~~SERVICES.~~

(2) (I) EACH CHARTERED COUNTY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT ONE OR MORE FRANCHISES OR ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS, ~~--WASTE--COLLECTION--SERVICES,--AND--WASTE~~ ~~DISPOSAL--SERVICES~~ ON AN EXCLUSIVE OR NONEXCLUSIVE BASIS TO ANY PERSON, TO IMPOSE FRANCHISE FEES, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN RATES AND CHARGES, AND TO ESTABLISH RULES, REGULATIONS, AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY SUCH MEASURE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ANTICOMPETITIVE EFFECT.

(II) IN THE EVENT THAT A CHARTERED COUNTY HAS THE ENABLING AUTHORITY GRANTED BY ANY OTHER LAW TO OPERATE WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS, ~~WASTE-COLLECTION-SERVICES-OR-WASTE-DISPOSAL~~ ~~SERVICES,~~ SUCH SYSTEMS ~~AND--SERVICES~~ SHALL BE OPERATED BY SUCH COUNTY WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY ANTICOMPETITIVE EFFECT.

(3) IT HAS BEEN AND SHALL CONTINUE TO BE THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT EACH CHARTERED COUNTY IS DIRECTED AND AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE ALL POWERS REGARDING WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ANTICOMPETITIVE EFFECT. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY PORTION OF A GENERATOR'S WASTE WHICH IS DIRECTED BY THE GENERATOR TO A SPECIFIC FACILITY FOR REUSE, RECLAMATION OR RECYCLING, OR FOR DISPOSAL ON ITS OWN PROPERTY.