

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 9–2701 through 9–2705, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 27. Special Counsel”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Public Utility Companies**

2–113.

(a) (1) The Commission shall:

(i) supervise and regulate the public service companies subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission to:

1. ensure their operation in the interest of the public; and
2. promote adequate, economical, and efficient delivery of utility services in the State without unjust discrimination; and

(ii) enforce compliance with the requirements of law by public service companies, including requirements with respect to financial condition, capitalization, franchises, plant, manner of operation, rates, and service.

(2) In supervising and regulating public service companies, the Commission shall consider the public safety, the economy of the State, the conservation of natural resources, and the preservation of environmental quality.

(b) The powers and duties listed in this title do not limit the scope of the general powers and duties of the Commission provided for by this article.

2–303.

(a) This section applies to each individual subject to § 2–302 of this subtitle and to:

(1) THE SPECIAL COUNSEL APPOINTED UNDER TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 27 OF THIS ARTICLE;

[(1)](2) each spouse, dependent child, parent, brother, or sister of each commissioner, the People’s Counsel, the General Counsel, THE SPECIAL COUNSEL, and a hearing examiner; and

[(2)](3) each spouse or dependent child of each other officer or employee of the Commission [or], Office of People’s Counsel, OR OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL.

(b) An individual subject to this section may not: