

(ii) Does not provide water service to the property and water service is provided to the property by another political subdivision OR BY A PRIVATE WATER COMPANY.

(2) If a political subdivision advises another political subdivision OR A PRIVATE WATER COMPANY that a bill for sewerage service is unpaid for ~~30~~ 45 days after being sent, subject to the notice provisions under subsection (b) of this section, the political subdivision OR PRIVATE WATER COMPANY informed of the unpaid bill may disconnect water service to the property.

(d) (1) Before reconnecting water service, a political subdivision may require full payment of the sewerage bill plus a reconnection charge reasonably related to the cost of reconnection, as established by regulation of the political subdivision.

(2) A PRIVATE WATER COMPANY MAY APPLY A REASONABLE RECONNECTION CHARGE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATEMAKING REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 4 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARTICLE, WHEN IT RECONNECTS WATER SERVICE.

(e) This subsection does not preclude the use of any other procedure available to a political subdivision to collect unpaid sewerage charges.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved April 25, 2006.

CHAPTER 150

(Senate Bill 1039)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County - Water and Sewerage Systems - Benefit Assessments and Connection Charges

FOR the purpose of authorizing a sanitary commission in Dorchester County to set reasonable benefit assessments on certain property to pay the cost of capital improvements and repairs to the water or sewerage system; and generally relating to the authority of a sanitary commission in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 9-656

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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