

CHAPTER 42

(House Bill 177)

AN ACT concerning

Chartered and Code Counties - Public Drainage Associations

FOR the purpose of clarifying the authority of chartered and code counties to establish public drainage associations; providing that these counties may adopt local drainage laws which do not conflict with this Act; and holding a county or a public drainage association harmless for certain actions prior to the effective date of this Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners
Section 52
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland
Section 4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25B - Home Rule for Code Counties
Section 13
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 25 - County Commissioners

52.

(a) The boards of county commissioners of the several counties in the State of Maryland shall have jurisdiction, power, and authority to establish public drainage associations in their respective counties, and to locate and establish ditches, drains, or canals, and to cause to be constructed, straightened, widened or deepened any ditch, drain or watercourse for the purpose of establishing and maintaining watershed drainage systems, and it is hereby declared that such drainage shall be considered a