

and use of an alternate method of assessing certain properties in St. Mary's County for water and sewer services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 113-9 E.
Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1978 Edition and September, 1984 Supplement, as amended)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission currently is allowed to assess a benefit assessment charge under the Sanitary Code section of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County Code under Section 113-9, entitled Benefit Charges; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the benefit assessment charge is to pay the principal and interest on the bonds issued by the Commission for the water supply and sewerage systems to be constructed, purchased, or established by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Commission wishes to augment the current benefit assessment charge by incorporating an additional system of guidelines which would ~~could~~ be utilized to retire ~~certain~~ debts ~~resulting from a capital improvement project initiated after July 17, 1985~~; and

WHEREAS, The new method of assessment would be labeled the "Equal Benefit Assessment"; and

WHEREAS, This new method of assessment shall amend current Section 113-9 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County Code entitled "Benefit Charges", but there will be no deletions of the present law; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the proposed legislation is merely to provide an alternative method of assessment under Section 113-9 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County; now, therefore,

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

Article 19 - St. Mary's County

113-9.

E. In classifying property and levying any front foot benefit charge[, and] ANY [irregularly shaped] lot abutting upon a street, road, lane, alley, right-of-way or easement in which there is or is being constructed a water main or sewer shall be assessed for the frontage determined by the Commission to be