

CHAPTER 69

(House Bill 189)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Special Taxing Districts - Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of extending the length of time in which property owners in certain special taxing districts are required to reimburse St. Mary's County for certain costs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 109-2 C.
Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1978 Edition and July, 1985 Supplement, as amended)

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

109-2.

C. Petition.

(1) The County Commissioners may construct and improve roads and drainage incident to construction or improvement on or along private roads after the approval of a petition of the majority of the property owners whose property will benefit from the proposed construction or improvement, requesting that the roads be taken into the county road system. In the exercise of the powers granted by this subsection, the County Commissioners, by proper ordinance passed in accordance with the provisions of § 3 of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of this state, may adopt all necessary rules and conditions for the acceptance, construction and maintenance of roads or other authorized improvements by the county. The ordinance shall provide for the method of determination of the annual benefit assessments levied against the properties benefiting from the improvements for the purpose of reimbursing the county for the cost of the improvements and the time and manner of payment, but not to exceed [fifteen (15)] TWENTY (20) years. Annual benefit assessments are a first lien upon the property against which they are assessed, until paid, subject only to prior state and county taxes, and if any property is sold for state and county taxes and there remains a surplus, then the County Commissioners may petition the Circuit Court to secure payment of their lien.