

CHAPTER 89

(House Bill 391)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Metropolitan Commission - Benefit Charges

FOR the purpose of altering the basis for the benefit charges levied by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission; and generally relating to benefit charges levied by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 113-9 B.
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

113-9.

B. The construction or acquisition of the water mains or sewers is hereby declared to be a benefit to all property abutting upon the same. The Commission, for the purpose of assessing benefits for the construction of water supply and sewerage systems, shall divide all properties bounding upon a street, road, lane, alley, right-of-way or easement, in which a water pipe or sanitary sewer is to be laid, into seven (7) classes, namely Agricultural, Small Acreage, Industrial or Business, Subdivision Residential, Multi-Unit Residential, Multi-Unit Business and Institutional. The Commission may subdivide each of the classes in any manner it deems to be in the public interest. Immediately upon the commencement or within twelve (12) months after the completion of acquisition of a water supply or sewerage project, the Commission shall fix and levy a benefit charge upon all property abutting upon the water main or sewer in accordance with the classification. It shall, in writing, notify all owners of the properties into which class their respective properties fall and the charge determined upon the property. It shall name also in the notice a time and place when and at which the owners will be heard. The notice may be mailed to the last known address of the owner, or served in person upon any adult occupying the premises, or, in the case of vacant or unimproved property, posted upon the premises. The classification of any property made by the Commission is final, subject only to revision at the hearing. The Commission may