

retirements of bonds as specified in this subtitle, the county may make the following charges:

(1) A water and sewer service charge. The rates for water and sewer service shall consist of a minimum or ready-to-serve charge which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall be based upon the amount of water passing through the meter during the period between the last two readings. The meter shall be required to be placed on each water connection by and at the sole expense of the county, and it shall remain the property of the county. Such rates shall be uniform throughout each such system operated by the county but the county may make such classifications as it deems advisable within any such system based upon quantities of water used. If the county at any time shall not have meters available to install in all the properties in a given locality that are connected to the system, then a flat rate shall be charged on properties in which meters have not yet been installed, which rate shall be uniform in each sanitary system and based upon the ready-to-serve charge and the amount of water used. Bills for water and sewer charges shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually as the county may determine to each property served and shall be payable at the office of the county treasurer or such other place as the county may designate. If any bill remains unpaid after thirty (30) days from the date of sending, the county, after written notice left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, shall turn off the water from the property in question; and the water shall not be turned on again until said bill has been paid, including a penalty of [three dollars (\$3.00)] \$25.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved April 14, 1987.

CHAPTER 107

(House Bill 797)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County - Notice for Budget Hearings

FOR the purpose of altering the number of newspaper of general circulation in which notice shall be given of public hearings of the proposed annual budget of Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,