

lighting district and to fully describe the boundaries of the area to be included in the district; requiring certain notice and public hearing prior to the establishment of an electric lighting district; and generally relating to the establishment of electric lighting districts in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners
Section 2B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article 25 - County Commissioners

2B.

(a) (1) The county commissioners of every county in the State, in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which may have been or may hereafter be granted them, may provide for electric lighting along all or any part of the streets, lanes, alleys and public ways of the county, and enter into agreements with any person, partnership or corporation for the installation, maintenance and operation of electric lighting.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (b) the costs of electric lighting provided under the authority of this section shall be paid by ad valorem taxes levied upon the property within the area to be served by the electric lighting.

(3) (I) Except as provided in [subsection (c)] SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) of this section, an electric lighting district may be created by the county commissioners ONLY upon receipt of a petition signed by 60 percent of the property owners within the proposed district.

(II) The petition shall describe the boundaries of the area proposed to be created as the district.

(III) Upon receipt of the petition, the county commissioners shall hold a public hearing at which time the residents and taxpayers within the proposed electric lighting district shall be given an opportunity to be heard. This hearing shall be held not less than 14 days nor more than 60 days following receipt of the petition and notice of this hearing shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the proposed electric lighting district is to be located.