

26.108.

(A) THE AUTHORITY AND ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE SUBJECT TO §§ 10-611 THROUGH 10-628 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE (THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT).

(B) FOR PURPOSES OF APPLYING FOR, RECEIVING, AND ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH GRANTS, INSURANCE, OR OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PUBLIC BODY.

(C) FOR PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 73B (PENSIONS) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE CONSIDERED A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(D) THE AUTHORITY IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION BY THE STATE AND THE COUNTY.

26.109.

(A) THE COUNTY MAY ENACT LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY IF THE LEGISLATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THE SUBTITLE MAY BE EXERCISED BY THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH:

- (1) LOCAL LAW ENACTED BY HOWARD COUNTY; OR
- (2) A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY.

26.110.

IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID FOR ANY REASON IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THE INVALIDITY DOES NOT AFFECT THE OTHER PROVISIONS OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION OF THIS SUBTITLE WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE DECLARED SEVERABLE.

**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

5-401.

(d) "Local government" means:

- (1) A chartered county established under Article 25A of the Code;
- (2) A code county established under Article 25B of the Code;
- (3) A board of county commissioners established or operating under Article 25 of the Code;
- (4) Baltimore City;
- (5) A municipal corporation established or operating under Article 23A of the Code;