

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

Article 25B – Home Rule for Code Counties

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(a) “Code county” (as defined in Article XI-F of the Constitution, § 1) means a county which is not a charter county under Article XI-A of the Constitution and which has adopted the optional powers of home rule provided in Article XI-F of the Constitution and this article.

13E.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “DEPARTMENT” MEANS A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

(B) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A CODE COUNTY, BY PUBLIC LOCAL LAW, MAY:

(1) ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES;
AND

(2) PROVIDE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ASSIGN TO THE DEPARTMENT:

(1) RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, SERVICE, AND MANAGEMENT OF:

(I) PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PUBLICLY OWNED WATER AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES AND PROJECTS, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS;

(II) WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES AND PROJECTS;

(III) WASTEWATER COLLECTION, TREATMENT, AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES AND PROJECTS;

(IV) SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, RECYCLING, AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES AND PROJECTS;

(V) STORM DRAINAGE, EROSION, AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FACILITIES AND PROJECTS;

(VI) LIGHTING FOR ROADS, HIGHWAYS, ALLEYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES; OR

(VII) MOSQUITO CONTROL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS; AND

(2) ANY OTHER FUNCTION OR DUTY THAT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION.