the extent that the power contained in them is continuing or has not been exercised, unless any law is expressly repealed by this Act, and the validity of any bonds issued under previously enacted laws is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of the County, shall be liberally construed to effect its purposes. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1993.

Approved May 27, 1993.

## **CHAPTER 574**

(House Bill 977)

AN ACT concerning

## Charles County Ethics Commission - Appointment of Members - Subpoena Powers

FOR the purpose of providing a procedure for appointment of members of the Charles County Ethics Commission; authorizing the Commission to administer oaths and issue subpoenas; providing that the County Attorney shall prepare a form for use by the Commission in issuing subpoenas; requiring a descriptive statement on the face of the subpoena; providing that a subpoena may only be issued if signed by the Commission Chairman and at least two at least three Ethics Commission members; providing for the manner of service and enforcement of subpoenas under this section; Act; providing for the continuance in office of certain members of the Charles County Ethics Commission until the end of their terms; and generally relating to the Charles County Ethics Commission.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Charles County

Section 44-1 and 44-2 to be under the new chapter "Chapter 44 Ethics"

Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1988 Edition and October, 1991 Supplement, as amended)

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