

commissioners abolish certain entities, the county commissioners exercise certain powers; authorizing the county commissioners of a code home rule county, subject to a certain condition, to enter into an agreement under the terms of which a municipal corporation or local community will assume responsibility for water or sewerage services; requiring the agreement to meet certain requirements; protecting certain employees' benefits; requiring that certain revenues remain dedicated for certain purposes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the authority of the county commissioners of a code home rule county to establish a department of public facilities and services, abolish a water or sewer authority or sanitary district or commission, transfer to a municipal corporation certain responsibilities and otherwise provide certain water and sewerage services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 25B – Home Rule for Code Counties

Section 1(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 25B – Home Rule for Code Counties

Section 13E and 13E-1

Annotated Code of Maryland

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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**

1.

(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: