

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.

CHAPTER 458

(House Bill 451)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County - ~~Property Maintenance~~ *Violations of Ordinances - Infractions - Enforcement and Prosecution Authority*

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to ~~establish certain civil penalties for the violation of certain ordinances; establishing procedures governing issuance and service of citations, the adjudication of violations under specified circumstances, and enforcement of the civil penalties; requiring that a person who receives a citation take certain actions; providing for the disposition of certain penalties and the imposition of certain costs; requiring that certain proceedings be conducted in accordance with specified statutory provisions; specifying that certain adjudications are not criminal proceedings and do not result in certain civil disabilities~~ *provide for the enforcement and prosecution of county ordinances as infractions under certain circumstances; authorizing the imposition of a certain maximum fine for an infraction; authorizing certain officials to serve a citation in a certain manner on certain persons concerning an alleged infraction; permitting a person charged in a citation to elect to stand trial for an infraction under certain circumstances; imposing liability on a person for payment of a certain fine under certain circumstances; authorizing the District Court to perform certain duties concerning payment of a fine under certain circumstances; authorizing the County to collect the cost of abatement under certain circumstances; requiring a proceeding for an infraction to include certain evidentiary, notice, and judgment requirements; authorizing certain persons to prosecute an infraction;* and generally relating to the authority of the County Commissioners *of Somerset County* to ~~establish certain civil violations and procedures relating to~~ *provide for* the enforcement and prosecution of violations of certain ordinances ~~in Somerset County~~ *as infractions under certain circumstances.*

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ *without* amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
Section 2-408
Article 20 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1994 Edition, as amended)

BY adding to

*The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
Section 2-409
Article 20 - Public Local Laws of Maryland*