property is sold for State and county taxes and a surplus remains after the sale, then the County Commissioners, upon petition to the Circuit Court, may be allowed the payment of their lien.

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Before the County Commissioners exercise the powers granted by this Article, there shall be:

- A. A petition filed by a majority of the property owners whose property is:
- (1) [served] SERVED OR TO BE SERVED by the private water OR SEWER system OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA that requests the county to acquire and improve the private water OR SEWER system OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA[.]; OR
- (2) TO BE SERVED BY THE CONSTRUCTED OR EXTENDED WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA THAT REQUESTS THE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT A NEW OR EXTEND AN EXISTING WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA.
- B. A public hearing upon the petition after ten (10) days notice in a newspaper regularly published in Charles County.
  - C. The approval of the petition by the County Commissioners.
- D. The passage of an appropriate ordinance under § 97-2 of this Article that states:
- (1) The improvements being acquired or improved OR THE CONSTRUCTION OR EXTENSION BEING CONSTRUCTED OR EXTENDED.
  - (2) The property owners affected.
- (3) All material terms of the annual benefit assessments to be levied to pay the cost of the improvement and acquisition or any reasonable portion of the cost as determined by the County Commissioners.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

**CHAPTER 465** 

(House Bill 658)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages (Board of License Commissioners)