a certain amount of money be advertised in a certain manner; amending certain requirements—for advertising the intent of the Washington County Commissioners to convey or acquire real property altering the requirements of the County Commissioners of Washington County to advertise their intent to lease real property under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to advertising the intent of the Washington County Commissioners to lease real property to another person or entity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Washington County

Section 1-301

Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 22 - Washington County

1-301.

- (A) (1) The County Commissioners may lease, sell, at either public or private sale, and convey or otherwise dispose of and convey any interest in real estate held by the County Commissioners and no longer needed for public use.
- (2) The COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' intent to sell, dispose of, or convey, except in the case of a conveyance made between the county and any federal, state or local government, shall be advertised in a newspaper of general distribution in the county, once a week for 3 successive weeks.
- (3) (I) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADVERTISE THEIR INTENT TO LEASE REAL PROPERTY TO ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY IF THE MONTHLY RENT FOR THE REAL PROPERTY IS GREATER THAN \$2,000.
- (II) The COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' intent to lease real property DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general distribution in the county.
- (B) [(2)](1) The County Commissioners may buy at public or private sale or accept without consideration any real estate which in their judgment is useful to Washington County.
- (2) [However, funds] FUNDS USED TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION may not be expended from the general fund of the county for the acquisition of real property under this [section] SUBSECTION unless:
 - (I) a public hearing has been held on the [matter] MATTER; and
- (II) the proceeds from sales of all existing school facilities, school lands, and other properties presently used for school facilities and titled in the name of the county [and/or] OR branch, department or derivative of the county are paid