

(4) The bonds issued under the authority of this Act do not create or constitute any indebtedness or obligation of the State or of any political subdivision thereof except the University System of Maryland, and the bonds shall so state on their face. The bonds do not constitute a debt or obligation contracted by the General Assembly of Maryland or pledge the faith and credit of the State within the meaning of Article III, Section 34 of the Constitution of Maryland.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2003.

Approved May 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 460

(House Bill 970)

AN ACT concerning

Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities; providing for the membership and terms of the Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the chairman of the Commission; providing for the staff, meeting times and places, and quorum of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving compensation, but authorizing certain reimbursement; providing for the duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report on or before a certain date each year; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 1-101(a) and (k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 1-701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Environmental Justice”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Environmental justice is based on the principle that regardless of race, national origin, age, or income, no segment of the population should bear disproportionately high and adverse effects of environmental pollution; and