

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Utility Companies  
Section 2-110.1 *and* 2-123  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Public Utility Companies**

2-110.

(a) In this section, “public service company” includes an electricity supplier and a gas supplier as those terms are defined in § 1-101 of this article.

(b) (1) [(i) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the] THE costs and expenses of the Commission and the Office of People’s Counsel shall be borne by the public service companies that are subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction.

[(ii)](2) The costs and expenses shall be assessed as provided in this section.

[(2) An appropriation for the costs and expenses of the Commission and the Office of People’s Counsel shall be included in the State budget and paid from the State Treasury.

(3) The State Treasury shall be reimbursed from the money collected under this section for the costs and expenses of the Commission and the Office of People’s Counsel.]

(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL PAY THE MONEY THAT IT COLLECTS FOR THE ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS SECTION INTO THE PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-110.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO REIMBURSE THE STATE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF PEOPLE’S COUNSEL.

(c) (1) (i) Before each State fiscal year, the Chairman of the Commission ~~AND THE PEOPLE’S COUNSEL~~ shall estimate the COMMISSION’S ~~Commission’s~~ total costs and expenses ~~OF THE COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE’S COUNSEL~~, including:

1. the compensation and expenses of the Commission, ~~THE OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE’S COUNSEL, its~~ AND THE ~~officers, agents, and personnel OF THE COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE~~ ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND PERSONNEL;