

[(4)](IV) enter into agreements and contracts with any public or private agencies or educational institutions; [and]

[(5)](V) adopt regulations to implement this subtitle; AND

[(6)](VI) ~~SET BY REGULATION~~ ASSESS FEES TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AS FOLLOWS:

1. TO FILE AN APPEAL, A FEE NOT EXCEEDING \$15;
AND

2. TO PROCESS A SUBPOENA, A FEE NOT EXCEEDING \$5.

(2) FEES CHARGED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES MAY NOT BE CHARGED TO:

(I) STATE AGENCIES; OR

(II) PETITIONERS WHO ARE DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS TO BE UNABLE TO PAY THE FEES.

(3) A FEE CHARGED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR FILING AN APPEAL SHALL BE REFUNDED TO A PARTY WHO INITIATES THE APPEAL IF THE PARTY RECEIVES A FAVORABLE DECISION FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE.

(c) The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall submit an annual report on the activities of the Office to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

(d) The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall meet and confer regularly with the Advisory Council on Administrative Hearings.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1992.

Approved May 5, 1992.

CHAPTER 135

(House Bill 252)

AN ACT concerning

Stormwater Management - System of Charges

FOR the purpose of providing that charges adopted by certain local governing bodies may cover certain costs of implementing and enforcing stormwater management programs.