

(3) EACH RECOMMENDATION SHALL CONTAIN A COST AND BENEFIT ANALYSIS AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. THE COST AND BENEFIT ANALYSIS SHALL INCLUDE THE IMPACT OF EACH RECOMMENDATION ON RESIDENTIAL RATEPAYERS, COMMERCIAL RATEPAYERS, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, ENTITIES REGULATED BY THE WSSC, CURRENT WSSC EMPLOYEES, TAXPAYERS IN THE SANITARY DISTRICT, AND THE EXISTING FINANCING STRUCTURE OF WSSC FACILITIES.

~~(3)~~ (4) IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS STUDY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET WITH CONSUMERS AND WITH ENTITIES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY THE PRIVATIZATION OF WATER, SEWERAGE, AND ANCILLARY SERVICES OF THE WSSC AND BY ANY RECOMMENDED RESTRUCTURING OF THE WSSC AND ITS FUNCTIONS.

(G) (1) THE TASK FORCE SHALL HIRE AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT WITH EXPERTISE IN FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT AND VALUATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

(2) THE CONSULTANT SHALL EXAMINE AREAS OF THE WSSC IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE. IF THE CONSULTANT CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE TO EXAMINE AREAS OUTSIDE OF SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THEN THE TASK FORCE SHALL EXTEND ITS STUDY TO INCLUDE THE AREAS THAT THE CONSULTANT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

~~(H) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PROVIDE AN INTERIM REPORT OF ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVES OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE DELEGATIONS OF THOSE COUNTIES, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1999.~~

~~(2)~~ THE TASK FORCE SHALL PROVIDE ITS FINAL REPORT, INCLUDING ALL RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVES OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE DELEGATIONS OF THOSE COUNTIES, ON OR BEFORE ~~JANUARY 1, 2000~~ JULY 1, 1999.

~~(H)~~ (I) THE WSSC AND ALL OTHER STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES SHALL COOPERATE WITH AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED TO THE TASK FORCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the maximum allowable exemption which the County Councils may approve under Article 29, § 6-113(c)(1)(iv)3 of the Code, as enacted by this Act, is the amount of the increase in the system development charge under this Act above the charge, based on \$160 per fixture, that the properties would have been assessed prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~2 years~~ 18 months and, at the end of ~~June 30, 2000~~ December 31, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 21, 1998.