

CHAPTER 706
(House Bill 688)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 405 to 428, inclusive, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1957 Edition being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County," subtitle "Metropolitan Commission," as said subtitle was amended by Chapter 281 of the Acts of 1959, and Chapter 436 of the Acts of 1961; and to enact in lieu thereof new Sections 405 to 427, to stand in the place of the sections so repealed; revising the laws concerning the Metropolitan Commission of Harford County, setting up a sanitary district under the jurisdiction of the Harford County Metropolitan Commission, providing generally for the members, powers and duties of this Commission and of the Board of County Commissioners in relationship thereto, providing that the Commission may borrow funds and under certain procedures impose benefit assessments and other charges and taxes to repay the same; and relating generally to the Metropolitan Commission of Harford County and to the operation of the sanitary district within Harford County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 405 to 428, inclusive, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1957 Edition, being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County," subtitle "Metropolitan Commission," as said subtitle was amended by Chapter 281 of the Acts of 1959, and Chapter 436 of the Acts of 1961, be and they are hereby repealed and new Sections 405 to 427 be and they are hereby enacted, to stand in the place of the sections so repealed; all to read as follows:

405. *Commission; qualification, organization, bonds.*

(a) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subtitle, the sanitary district created hereafter is under the jurisdiction of a Commission of five persons, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Commissioners of Harford County, and all of whom shall reside in Harford County, be resident taxpayers of said County and qualified voters thereof. The members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as may be determined by the County Commissioners from time to time. The term of each of the five members is five years or until their successors are appointed and have qualified, except that the first Commissioner named by said Commissioners shall serve for one year, the second shall serve for two years, and the third shall serve for three years, the fourth for four years and the fifth for five years from the dates of their respective appointments; and as the term of each Commissioner expires, his successor shall be appointed by the County Commissioners. Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall be filled by appointment by the County Commissioners for the unexpired term. The members of the Commission are a body corporate by the name of the "Harford County Metropolitan Commission" (referred to elsewhere in this subtitle as "the Commission"), with the right to use a common seal, to sue and be sued, and to do any and all other corporate acts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subtitle. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the rights and liabilities of