

by a Master Plumber or by the owner or the agent of the owner of such sewer or water system.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1963.

Approved April 17, 1963.

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CHAPTER 269

(Senate Bill 536)

AN ACT to add a new Section 152A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County", to follow immediately after Section 152 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Park and Water Facilities Fund"; relating to purchase of land for park and possible expansion of water facilities in Howard County, providing authority for a transfer tax on transfer of real property in Howard County, establishing the MAXIMUM rate of the tax and the method of collection, and requiring the Commissioners to hold a public hearing before imposing the tax.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 152A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County", to follow immediately after Section 152 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Park and Water Facilities Fund", and to read as follows:

*152A.*

*The County Commissioners are authorized to purchase land within the limits of this County for public park use, and possible future expansion of county water facilities.*

*The purchase price of any such lands shall be paid from a fund to be known as the "Park and Water Facilities Fund". Such a fund is hereby established and authorized. No moneys shall be paid into the Fund except those collected from a transfer tax on real property which the County Commissioners are hereby authorized to impose and/or any funds from the State of Maryland or the United States of America.*

*No transfer tax shall be imposed by the Commissioners until ten (10) days after a copy of the proposal therefor has been advertised at least once a week for three consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in Howard County. Such advertisement shall contain therein a date specified for a public hearing on the proposed tax giving an opportunity for the citizens of the County to express any protests or recommendations for such tax. Such hearing must be held prior to any imposition of such tax by the Commissioners.*

*If any transfer tax is imposed by the County Commissioners, pursuant to this section, it shall be subject to the following limitations:*