

to change the procedure for improvement of private roads in Harford County when requested by petition to the Harford County Commissioners and to correct the language of this section.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 467(d) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1965 Edition, being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County," subtitle "Roads and Public Works," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(d) Before the powers granted by this section to the County Commissioners shall be exercised, there shall first be *presented to them* a petition *by a majority of the* property owners as hereinbefore provided, requesting improvements, *if monies are available*; public hearing upon the petition after ten days' notice in a newspaper regularly published in Harford County; approval of the petition by the County Commissioners; and the passage of an appropriate ordinance, pursuant to the authority of this section, setting forth the improvements being proposed, the property owners directly affected, and all material terms of the annual benefit assessments levied to pay the cost of said improvements, or any reasonable portion thereof, as determined by the County Commissioners [; provided that no assessment shall exceed ten per centum (10%) of the assessed value of the property after giving effect to benefits accruing thereto from the improvement for which assessed].

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

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(House Bill 1257)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 258 and 259 of Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Queen Anne's County," subtitle "Justices of the Peace and Trial Magistrates," as said sections were last amended by Chapter 654 of the Acts of 1953, and to add new Sections 258 and 259 to stand in lieu of the sections so repealed to revise the fees and costs chargeable by the Justices of the Peace and Trial Magistrate for the use of Queen Anne's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 258 and 259 of Article 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Queen Anne's County," subtitle "Justices of the Peace and Trial Magistrates," as said sections were last amended by Chapter 654 of the Acts of 1953, be, and they are hereby repealed and new Sections 258 and 259 be and they are hereby enacted to stand in the place of the Sections so repealed and to read as follows: