

county or municipal corporation and Baltimore City also may impose a benefit assessment against the property in the [historic] district for which the conversion is made in order to recapture such expended costs and make appropriate provisions for the collection thereof; AND

(3) Any other provisions reasonably related to the objective of placing underground overhead lines and facilities, and the administration of such projects.

[(b) The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland, any other applicable utilities, and any CATV company whose overhead lines and facilities may be involved shall place underground existing overhead lines and facilities within the historic area of the City of Annapolis as that area is defined by the historic district commission of the City of Annapolis. The provisions of subsection (a) of this section are applicable in reference to the costs and financing to property owners.]

[(c) The Potomac Edison Company, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland, any other applicable utilities, and any CATV company whose overhead lines and facilities may be involved shall place underground existing overhead lines and facilities within the historic area of the City of Frederick as that area is defined by the historic district commission of the City of Frederick. The provisions of subsection (a) of this section are applicable in reference to the costs and financing to property owners.]

[(d)](B) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section the Public Service Commission shall prescribe the amount of the monthly surcharge required to support the net capital costs and determine which customers of the applicable utility are subject to the surcharge, or the Commission shall include the related net capital costs in the rate base, or shall adopt any other method to appropriately apportion the said costs. However, in no event shall the utility be required to pay more than 50 percent of the net capital costs. The county, municipal corporation, or Baltimore City is authorized to make appropriations for such relocation projects from any appropriate federal, State, and local funds it receives for this purpose.

[(e)](C) The provisions of § 7.03 of this article do not apply to the provisions of this section.

[8.15.] 8.17.

The provisions of [§§ 8.01-8.15] THIS SUBTITLE are severable, and if any of their provisions are held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That each member of a historic district commission or historic preservation commission serving on October 1, 1995 shall continue to serve for the remainder of the member's term notwithstanding any changes in qualifications for members as provided by this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.