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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Video Streaming and Archiving**
3 **Meetings and Late Payment Charges**

4 **MC/PG 100–21**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to stream
6 live video of the open meetings of the Commission; requiring the Commission to
7 maintain on its website a complete and unedited archived video recording of certain
8 live-streamed videos of the open meetings; altering the amount of a certain late
9 payment charge imposed by the Commission for unpaid water and sewer usage
10 charges under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Washington
11 Suburban Sanitary Commission.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Public Utilities
14 Section 16–101(a) and (b) and 25–504(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Public Utilities
19 Section 17–106 and 25–504(c)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
4 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article – Public Utilities**

6 16–101.

7 (a) In this division the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 (b) “Commission” means the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

9 17–106.

10 (a) The Commission shall determine the times and places of its meetings.

11 (b) The Commission shall keep minutes in the usual corporate form.

12 (c) (1) The votes of the commissioners shall be:

13 (i) taken and recorded for any action that:

14 1. authorizes, modifies, or rescinds a water or sanitary sewer
15 extension; or

16 2. adopts or amends a water or sewer program of extensions;

17 (ii) taken separately; and

18 (iii) recorded as yeas, nays, or abstentions.

19 (2) The Commission shall record in the minutes:

20 (i) the name of a commissioner who votes or abstains;

21 (ii) the reason for an abstention;

- 1 (iii) a brief summary of the matters on which a vote is taken; and
- 2 (iv) any disclosure made under § 19–103 of this article.

3 (d) The minutes shall be open to public inspection at the principal office of the
4 Commission during business hours.

5 **(E) THE COMMISSION SHALL:**

6 **(1) STREAM LIVE VIDEO OF THE OPEN MEETINGS OF THE**
7 **COMMISSION; AND**

8 **(2) MAINTAIN ON ITS WEBSITE A COMPLETE AND UNEDITED**
9 **ARCHIVED VIDEO RECORDING OF EACH OPEN MEETING THAT IS LIVE–STREAMED IN**
10 **ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.**

11 25–504.

12 (b) (1) The Commission shall bill for the amount of water and sewer usage
13 charges to each property served monthly, every other month, four times a year, or twice a
14 year, as the Commission determines.

15 (2) On receipt each bill is payable to the Commission.

16 (c) (1) A late payment charge of **UP TO** 5% of the unpaid charges shall be
17 added and collected as part of the bill if:

18 (i) the Commission sends out a bill for water and sewer usage
19 charges in the regular course of business;

20 (ii) for a service period of less than 3 months, the bill is not paid 20
21 days from the date of sending; or

22 (iii) for a service period of 3 months or more, the bill is not paid 30
23 days from the date of sending.

1 (2) The late payment charge is in addition to and not in substitution for or
2 derogation of any other right or remedy granted to the Commission by any other law.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2021.