

BY: Bi-County Committee
(To be offered in the Prince George's County House Delegation)

AMENDMENT TO MC/PG 104-16
(Sprint Copy)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Approval" insert "and Ratemaking Structure"; strike beginning with "that" in line 4 down through "level" in line 10 and substitute "for the funding level of an item in the capital budget or operating budget of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission if the county councils of Montgomery County and Prince George's County fail to concur in a change in the funding level of that item by a certain time; providing for the funding level of an item in the capital budget or operating budget of the Commission if the county councils of Montgomery County and Prince George's County fail to approve the funding levels for that budget by a certain time; requiring the Commission to complete a certain review of its ratemaking structure and make certain recommendations on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations on or before a certain date to the County Executive of Prince George's County, the County Executive of Montgomery County, the Prince George's County Council, and the Montgomery County Council"; and in line 11, after "budgets" insert "and ratemaking structure".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike beginning with "MAY" in line 26 down through "YEAR" in line 28 and substitute "**SHALL BE THE LESSER OF:**

1. 33% OF THE RESPECTIVE REQUESTED BUDGET INCREASE FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR; OR

2. THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE RESPECTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDED IN THE COMMISSION'S 2016 RATE STUDY".

On page 4, strike beginning with "MAY" in line 4 down through "YEAR" in line 5 and substitute "**SHALL BE THE LESSER OF:**

1. 33% OF THE RESPECTIVE REQUESTED BUDGET INCREASE FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR; OR

2. THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE RESPECTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDED IN THE COMMISSION'S 2016 RATE STUDY".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, after line 6, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

On or before December 31, 2016, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall:

(1) complete a review that:

(i) compares the ratemaking structure of the Commission with other water and sewer utilities in the State and nationally that are comparable in size; and

(ii) recommends funding levels for its capital budget and operating budget.

(2) report its findings and recommendations to the County Executive of Prince George's County, the County Executive of Montgomery County, the Prince George's County Council, and the Montgomery County Council.";

and in line 7, strike "SECTION 2." and substitute "SECTION 3.".

EXPLANATION OF THE AMENDMENTS:

Amendment No. 1:

Technical

Amendment No. 2:

Strikes provisions of the bill prohibiting the funding level for any item in the WSSC's capital budget or operating budget from exceeding a certain funding level if the county councils of Montgomery County and Prince George's County do not concur to a proposed change or approve the capital budget or operating budget on or before June 1, and instead requires that, in either of these instances, the funding level is the lesser of (1) 33% of the requested budget increase for the immediately preceding fiscal year or (2) the funding level for the respective budget recommended in a rate study required by these amendments.

Amendment No. 3:

Requires the Commission to (1) complete a review of its ratemaking structure and make recommendations for funding levels for its capital budget and operating budget; and (2) report its findings and recommendations to the county executives and county councils.