



HOUSE BILL 129: Powell Bill/Use For Parks.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 129 would permit cities and towns with a population of 3,000 or less and with no more than one mile of public streets to use Powell Bill funds for the planning, construction, and maintenance of parks.

CURRENT LAW: Powell Bill funds are those funds allocated by the General Assembly to the Department of Transportation (DOT) to be used by eligible cities and towns within their corporate limits. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds are allocated on a per capita basis based on population and twenty-five percent (25%) are allocated based on the proportional mileage of public (non-State) streets. The funds are to be used primarily for the resurfacing of streets but may also be used to:

- Maintain, repair, construct, reconstruct or widen any street or public thoroughfare including bridges, drainage, curb and gutter.
- To meet the municipality's proportionate share of assessments levied.
- To plan, construct and maintain bikeways, greenways, or sidewalks.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 129 would authorize use of Powell Bill funds for the planning, construction, and maintenance of parks in cities and towns that have both:

- A population of 3,000 or less.
- No more than one mile of public streets.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective when the bill becomes law and would apply to funds received before, on, or after that date.

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