

where and whenever sixty per cent. of the taxpayers on real property, or signers representing at least sixty per cent. of the assessable real property, in any sewerage or drainage district or area in Prince George's County, shall file with the said Commission a petition stating the location and extent of a proposed sewerage or drainage system, the public need therefor, and the names and residences of the signers, the said Commission shall thereupon have made an accurate survey of the said district or area, and a map and report prepared showing what part of the main sewerage or drainage system is included, the number of public, private and manufacturing buildings, and the number of persons residing in, or to be served. They shall also have prepared detail plans showing the size and location of the trunk, intercepting or outfall sewer, forming part of the main sewerage or drainage plan involved, the size and location of all local systems, of mains and laterals, also the location, character and size of such plant or means of disposal of the sewerage or water, collected by such system or systems, and the probable cost of constructing, and the annual charge necessary to repair and efficiently maintain the same. The map prepared shall show accurately by metes and bounds and such natural features as may exist as bounds the district or area to be benefited, by such construction and establishment, together with the names of the various property owners, roads, alleys, streets, whether public or private in such district or area; the location of the natural or artificial topographic features, and the location of all parts of the system under consideration, whether within or without the district or area. Such survey shall be made and such maps, plans and reports filed within one hundred and twenty days of date of the filing of the petition.

Upon the filing of such map, plans and report, the said Commission shall submit a copy of the same to the State Board of Health and when said Board shall approve the said system as to sanitary efficiency, design, and character, then the said Commission shall fix a day and place for hearing on said petition and shall give notice thereof by publication of said petition and the date set for the hearing, in the County papers, published in or near such district or area once a week for at least two weeks. At such hearing all persons affected by the construction of the proposed system may appear and be heard upon the question as to whether the public health, welfare and convenience requires the establishment of the proposed system.

The said Commission shall thereupon decide whether or not