

lanes, highways or other public places in the City of Hagerstown, except by electrical or other appliances owned, operated and maintained by the Mayor and Council of said city.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Board of Street Commissioners of Hagerstown, as soon as possible after the passage of this Act, to take cognizance of the duties hereby imposed upon them, and within three months after the passage of this Act shall submit to the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown an estimate of the cost of constructing and equipping a plant to supply electrical energy or power sufficient in amount to satisfy the needs for lighting of said Mayor and Council and the citizens of Hagerstown. In determining and forming said estimates, the said Board of Street Commissioners shall advertise in suitable journals or newspapers for proposals comprising the whole or any part of such plant and equipment to be submitted under such terms and conditions as said Board of Street Commissioners may deem proper, and said Board of Street Commissioners are authorized and empowered to hire or employ the service of some reliable electrical engineer or person conversant with the subject matter in hand, who shall assist them in the performance of the duties herein set forth; the salary or compensation of such employee to be included in said estimates; and the words "plant" and "equipment" employed in this Act shall include all lands, buildings, leases, machinery, engines, poles, wires and other appliances necessary or advisable in the opinion of the Board of Street Commissioners, to the production of electrical power or energy and its transmission to the point of consumption, together with the lamps required for the proper lighting of the streets, lanes, alleys and public places of Hagerstown.

Estimate of
cost.

Advertise for.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown are hereby authorized and required at their first regular meeting after receiving said estimates of the Board of Street Commissioners, or as soon thereafter as practicable to issue and sell bonds to an amount sufficient to cover the expenses set forth in said estimate in accordance with the provisions of Chapter three hundred and eighty-one of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at its January Session in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and said Chapter three hundred and eighty-one of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at its January Session in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, is hereby confirmed and re-enacted in all its provisions; and said provisions are hereby made applicable to any issue of bonds prescribed by this Act, the same as if specifically incorporated herein.

Authority to
issue bonds.