

the City of Baltimore and to prescribe the manner of making such contracts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if and when a proposition for the introduction of natural gas into the City of Baltimore and for the supply of the same to the consumers for a term not exceeding twenty-five years shall be submitted to the Board of Estimates for the City of Baltimore, the same shall be by it fully considered. If and when the said Board of Estimates shall have approved such proposition or any modification thereof and shall have entered into an agreement with any corporation either upon the proposition submitted or otherwise, which it is hereby authorized to do, the agreement thus reached shall be reduced to writing and shall thereupon be submitted to the Public Service Commission of the State of Maryland for its approval as to the rates therein prescribed; and as to each and all the terms, conditions and provisions thereof, and upon such approval by the said Public Service Commission, and not before, the said agreement shall become binding upon the City of Baltimore and upon the corporation named in said agreement, on the further approval of such agreement by Ordinance of the City Council of Baltimore and the approval of such Ordinance by the Mayor; and the officials of the City of Baltimore are thereupon required to duly execute such contract with the corporation therein named for the term of years and in accordance with the rates, terms and conditions therein set forth.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any such agreement may contain such provisions and conditions with respect to the rates and conditions to consumers for the supply of artificial gas, in connection with the provisions for the supply of natural gas, as shall be approved as above provided.

SEC. 2½. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing contained in this act shall limit or authorize any contract that may limit in any manner the powers of the Public Service Commission of Maryland.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 15, 1912.