

individual, corporation or municipality, provided, however, that the price paid shall not exceed a sum in the same proportion to the cost of such system or part thereof as the area within the property of said individual, corporation or municipality contributing to such system or part thereof bears to the entire area in the sewerage district or area that will contribute to the said system or part thereof, through its incorporation with the County system. In case of failure to agree as to price the system or parts thereof may be acquired by condemnation proceedings under the general laws of the State. No part of the cost of said system, or parts thereof, so acquired, shall be charged by the Commission against the taxpayers within the limits of the property of said individual, corporation, or municipality.

The said Commission may require the system or parts thereof of said individual, corporation, or municipality, to be connected to the County system, and shall prescribe the annual charge or tax to be paid for such connection, which sum shall be applied toward the payment of the interest and principal of sewerage and drainage bonds issued for the construction of connecting sewers. The said Commission shall also fix a maintenance tax or rental to be charged against all individuals, thereby admitted to use the County system. Before any existing systems or parts thereof are connected with the County system, the owners of said systems or parts thereof shall be required to make such changes in or repairs to them as the said Commission may deem necessary to put them in proper shape for connection.

1914, ch. 627, sec. 468-I.

886. If the return of the Board of Supervisors of Election, to the Board of County Commissioners, shows a majority of votes in favor of said bond issue then the County Commissioners shall issue said bonds and all other bonds issued for the purposes of this Act in such denominations as they deem best, and offer all such bonds in the open market for cash, to the highest bidder, by sealed proposal, after advertisement in the County papers, a paper in Washington City and one in Baltimore City, at least once a week for a period of four weeks.

The bonds shall be known as Montgomery County Sewerage and Drainage Bonds. They shall be non-contestable for any cause and exempt from all taxation, and shall bear interest not to exceed five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. They shall run for a period of not exceeding twenty-five years, and shall be signed by the President of the County Commissioners of said County, countersigned by the Clerk of the said Board with the Corporation seal of said Board of County Commissioners affixed, and shall contain a distinct reference to the Sewerage and Drainage District or area for which issued.

The bonds issued under this Act shall be a first lien upon all land and improvements thereon, within the said district or area, subject only to the lien for regularly levied State and County taxes, and regularly levied municipal taxes were levied against land within an incorporated municipality, existing at the date of said bonds.