

mission as is paid the Auditor for auditing other State accounts; provided, however, said Commission may in addition to said State Audit employ a certified public accountant to audit its books and accounts. Said Commission shall always keep available and open to public inspection during business hours, at its principal office, a detailed audit and financial statement of its accounts.

1918, ch. 122, sec. 3. 1920, ch. 518, sec. 3. 1927, ch. 506, sec. 3.

992. The members of said Commission shall be a body corporate by the name of the "Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission," with the right to use a common seal, to sue and be sued, and to do any and all other corporate acts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act. In the event of a judgment at law or in equity being recovered against said Commission or for the purpose of amicably adjusting threatened or pending litigation, the Commission shall at the annual tax levying period of the respective County Commissioners next succeeding the rendition of said judgment or compromise certify to said County Commissioners of both Counties, a tax rate, in addition to that required for its interest and sinking fund requirements, that will, when levied and collected under the provisions of Section 995 of this subtitle, produce an amount sufficient to satisfy said judgment or other sum including costs and counsel fees, if any, provided, however, that this provision shall relate only to any cause of action occurring subsequent to the passage of this Act. Whenever it shall be deemed necessary by said Commission to take or acquire any land, structures or buildings, or any stream bed, water way, water rights, or water shed, either in fee or as an easement, within or without the Sanitary District, for the construction, extension or maintenance of any water main, sewer or appurtenance thereof, or for any sewage disposal plant, reservoir, water purification plant, tank or pumping station, said Commission may purchase the same from the owners or failing to agree with the owner or owners thereof, may condemn the same by proceedings in the Circuit Court for the County in which said land, structures or buildings, stream bed, water way, water rights, or water shed, as now provided for condemnation of land by public service corporations in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, except that land used for cemetery purposes may not be condemned, and said Commission may likewise condemn the interest of any tenant, lessee or other person having an interest in said land, structures or buildings, stream bed, water way, water rights or water shed. At any time after ten days after the return or recordation of the verdict of award in said proceedings the said Commission may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying the Clerk of the Court the amount of said award and all costs taxed to date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant; at the time of said payment, however, it shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment on such appeal or further proceedings.