

deposit the principal payment on said bonds, by reason of defaults or otherwise, such deficiency shall be added to and collected in the next year's tax. The said Commission is authorized to pay the interest on any bonds it may issue prior to the first tax levying period out of the proceeds of the sale of said bonds. In order that the prompt payment of interest and the proper provision for the payment of the principal of said bonds shall be assured, the prompt and proper performance of the respective acts and duties heretofore defined is specifically enjoined, and any failure upon the part of any person, persons, body corporate or agent to perform the necessary acts and duties hereafter set forth, to pay over the said funds as required, or to use said funds or any part thereof for any other purpose than for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds, is hereby declared a misdemeanor and punishable as other misdemeanors are punishable by Section 1011 of this subtitle.

1918, ch. 122, sec. 7. 1920, ch. 518, sec. 7.

996. Whenever the plans and specifications for water supply, sewerage or drainage systems for any district shall have been completed and said Commission shall have decided, after opportunity for a hearing has been given, to proceed with the construction, it shall advertise, by notice in such newspapers and technical press as it may deem proper, for bids for the construction of said system or systems, in parts or as a whole, as in its judgment may appear advisable. The contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or the Commission may reject any or all bids, and, if in its discretion the prices quoted are unreasonable, it may readvertise the work or any part of it, or may do any part or all of the work by day labor; provided that at any time the Commission may, in its discretion, expend by day labor for construction work an amount not exceeding \$5,000 without advertising or receiving bids. All such contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties and conditions as the Commission shall require, all of which shall be enforceable in any court having jurisdiction.

1918, ch. 122, sec. 8. 1920, ch. 518, sec. 8. 1924, ch. 189, sec. 8. 1927, ch. 506, sec. 8.

997. The construction or acquisition of said water mains or sewers is hereby declared to be a benefit to all property abutting upon the same and said Commission for the purpose of assessing benefits for the construction of water supply and sewerage systems, shall divide all properties binding upon a street, road, lane, alley or right of way, in which a water pipe or sanitary sewer is to be laid, into four classes, namely, agricultural, small acreage, industrial or business, and subdivision property. Immediately upon the commencement or within twelve months after the completion of a water supply or sewerage project the Commission is empowered and directed to fix and levy a benefit charge upon all property abutting upon said water main or sewer, in accordance with the classification, and shall in writing notify all owners of said properties into which class their respective properties fall and the charge determined upon, naming also in said notice a time and place when and at which said owners