

district or area, shall petition the said Commission, in writing, to construct and establish a sewerage system or part thereof to serve such locality, the said Commission shall, if it be found practical, proceed to construct and establish the same, provided the cost of construction, operation and maintenance of said system or said part of a system be borne by the petitioners. The system or part of a system so built shall be maintained and operated under the rules and regulations of the Commission but shall remain the property of the petitioners, unless incorporated in the County system, as provided in this Act, in which case the petitioners and all using said system or parts thereof, shall be subject to such reasonable annual maintenance, tax, or rental, as the Commission may fix.

1914, ch. 793, sec. 529-I.

920. It may be lawful instead of following the methods provided in Sections 917, 918 or 919, that where any individual, corporation or municipality, has at the time of the passage of this Act or may hereafter install a complete or partially complete system of sewerage or drainage, and it is found that said private or municipal system or part thereof can be incorporated into part of the County systems, so as to serve other persons or property in the same district or area, but beyond the limits of the property of said person, corporation or municipality, the said Commission may, after investigation, purchase said system or parts thereof under agreement with the said individual, corporation or municipality, provided, however, that the price of it 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, as 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 of 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.