

and authority to establish sewerage or drainage systems in said county whenever in their opinion public welfare or convenience may so require; and shall further have power to provide by reasonable regulations for the proper maintenance, preservation, protection, examination, inspection and repair of the same, whether on public or private property, all such regulations to be subject to approval by the State Board of Health of Maryland, and when so approved, to have all the force and effect of law. The power so delegated shall be taken to include the power to open, alter, enlarge or straighten, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, any sewer or drain, public or private through any public or private property, to inspect and regulate house drainage and sewerage connections, both public and private, to condemn lands or other property necessary in the construction or maintenance of such sewerage system or systems and their appurtenances, and to dispose of sewerage so collected by contract or otherwise, to provide for the cost of such systems, and generally to do all other and such things and pass such regulations as may reasonably be necessary and proper to exercise the power and effect the objects herein specified, the words "Sewerage System" as used in this and succeeding sections to be taken to embrace all manner of methods for conducting and disposing of ordinary sewerage and surface drainage, including household sewage and surface waters.

1922, ch. 369, sec. 186B.

244. Said Commissioners shall further have full power and authority to provide by regulations, subject to approval by the State Board of Health as aforesaid, for the taking of any private property or property rights of any kind which may reasonably be necessary for any of the purposes specified in this Act, including the acquisition of property or property rights for the disposition of sewage, provided, however, that such regulations shall contain appropriate provisions for notice to the owner or owners of such property or rights, an opportunity to be heard and the payment of compensation for property or property rights so taken and also for an appeal by such owner to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, with the right to a jury trial on issue of fact involved in such taking; and said Commissioners shall also have full power and authority likewise to provide for ascertaining what amount of actual benefit will accrue to the owner or possessors of any ground or improvements within said county by reason of the construction or enlargement of such sewerage system or systems, and to provide for assessing and levying the cost of such work in whole or in part upon the owners of property so benefited to the extent of such benefit, and for collecting the same, such assessment to be made only after notice, with an opportunity to be heard and the right of appeal as aforesaid, and when so made, to be a lien upon the property of the person so assessed until paid, and to be recoverable as county taxes are.