

owner or owners of any real estate, spring, brook, stream, water or water-course, or with the owner or owners of any real or leasehold estate or land necessary and proper in the judgment of said Burgess and Commissioners for the purposes set forth in the two preceding Sections or through which it may be necessary to pass for conveying water, or constructing drains, or sewers as in this Act mentioned, or if such owner or owners is or are incapable of contracting, or is absent from Washington County, or unknown, or under any legal liability whatever, the said Burgess and Commissioners of Hancock are authorized and empowered to acquire the same for the purposes aforesaid by condemnation, according to the provisions of Article 33A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Eminent Domain—Regulating the Procedure for the acquisition of property for Public Use by Condemnation," as the same is enacted by Chapter 117 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland for the year 1912, and any amendment thereto, and the provisions thereof to meet the respective conditions as they may arise are hereby made applicable to any and all proceedings of condemnation which may be necessary by said Burgess and Commissioners. The provisions of Section 510 of this Article shall not apply to the purchase, lease or condemnation of any land or real estate purchased, leased or condemned for the purposes set forth in this Act.

1914, ch. 525, sec. 241T.

**525.** The Burgess and Commissioners of Hancock are authorized to fix rates and to charge and collect money for the use and consumption of water supplied for any purpose, and may, in their discretion, place meters or other appliances for the purpose of measuring the water used by consumers, and make and collect a rate or charge therefor accordingly, and prescribe rules and regulations, regarding the service and use of such water, and may, in their discretion, impose a reasonable charge for the tapping of any sewer or drain, that may be constructed by said Burgess and Commissioners, and may prescribe rules and regulations regarding the use of said drains, or sewers.

1914, ch. 525, sec. 241U.

**526.** The Burgess and Commissioners of Hancock are authorized and empowered to provide by ordinance for the protection of said water works, the pipes, hydrants, fire-plugs, or other parts thereof, and said drains or sewers, or any part thereof, and provide penalties for the violation of such ordinance.

1914, ch. 525, sec. 241V.

**527.** All acts done and expenses hitherto incurred by the Burgess and Commissioners of Hancock in attempting to carry into effect the provisions of Chapter 33 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January Session of the year 1910, are hereby made valid and legal.