

Provided, however, that no owner or occupant of any property in Baltimore County shall be required to connect his premises with any private sewerage system under the provisions of this section unless the rates and terms for such connections have been approved by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, and that said connection is permitted at the rates and upon the terms so approved. And provided further, with the advice and consent of the State Board of Health that the County Commissioners of said county shall have the right at any time hereafter to purchase the plant, property, easements, rights, and appliances of any individual, co-partnership or corporation now or hereafter engaged in the business of supplying to the public facilities for the disposal of sewerage, and to pay to said individual, co-partnership or corporation the fair value of the same, and in the event of said County Commissioners being unable to agree with the owner or owners of said property and rights as to the fair value thereof said County Commissioners may condemn the same for public use in the manner prescribed by law; this provision not to be taken as authorizing the acquisition of any property or rights outside of the limits of Baltimore County.

1924, ch. 322. B. Co. C. (1916), sec. 279. 1928, sec. 325.

**325.** No sewerage system shall be established by the county under the provisions of the Act of 1912, Ch. 157,\* unless it be located beyond the limits of the Metropolitan District of Baltimore County. Such system, if established, shall be in accordance with plans approved by the State Board of Health or some properly qualified representative designated by it. The work required in the construction of all such systems shall be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder after proposals duly advertised, and such work shall be done under the supervision and subject to the approval of the Chief Sanitary Engineer of the Metropolitan District of Baltimore County. No payment on account of such work shall be made without the approval of said Engineer.

Welch v. Cogan, 126 Md. 10. Ludwig v. Balto. Co., 131 Md. 353.

1912, ch. 157. 1914, ch. 804, sec. 132S. B. Co. C. (1916). sec. 280. 1928, sec. 326.

**326.** Whenever the cost of any such proposed sewer or sewerage system constructed or purchased under the provisions of this Act shall be such as to result in an assessment greater than one per cent. of the assessed value of any property benefited thereby, said County Commissioners shall provide for dividing the cost thereof among so many years as shall result in such cost being no greater in any one year than one per cent. of the assessed value of any property benefited thereby, the first payment to be made to the contractors or vendors in cash and realized from a direct assessment upon the properties so benefited, the deferred payments to be secured by negotiable promissory notes of said County Commissioners pledging the credit of the county, and bearing interest at five per cent. per annum, assessments for each of the succeeding years to be added to

\*Secs. 319-326 of this Article.