

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 2 of Chapter 526 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1943 be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 3 of Chapter 526 of the Acts of 1943 be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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That the said Commission may determine, upon petition, or its own motion that one or more areas in the Sanitary District, in the interest of the public health, welfare and safety is in need of a storm water or surface water drainage system. After having made said determination, the Commission shall advertise in not less than two issues in any newspaper published in the county in which said drainage area lies, that the Commission has determined to construct in the area determined upon, or a part thereof, a drainage system, giving in said advertisement the approximate cost and the general area affected, and advising those interested that a hearing will be held by the Commission at a time and place named in said advertisement at which all interested parties will be heard. The Commission shall be prepared to exhibit at such hearing a plan for said drainage area or a part thereof, including the length and size of pipes and the approximate cost. If, after such hearing, the Commission determines that the public health and welfare requires the construction of said system, it shall thereupon proceed with such construction, either by contract, publicly advertised or by its own force, or under its own supervision as it deems desirable and more economical.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 733.

(House Bill 356)

AN ACT to authorize the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to establish a Merit System for certain of its employees, and authorizing the adoption of rules and regulations for the administration of the same.

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