

sembly of Maryland of 1918, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

13. That for the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing and operating its water supply, sewers and drainage systems, including the over-head expense and proper depreciation allowance, together with funds for making such payments as may be made to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia as hereinafter specified, said Commission shall be empowered and directed to make such service rates as it may deem necessary, chargeable against all properties for a connection with any pipe under its ownership; said rates shall be uniform throughout the Sanitary District, but shall be changed from time to time, as necessary, except that the charge for water service used in Gaithersburg and Washington Grove until such time as they are brought within the general system shall be based upon actual cost of supplying water to said communities; and provided further, that wherever the Commission, because of public necessity, has extended its water mains beyond the boundaries of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, it may make such further extensions out of the general proceeds of its funds as may in its judgment render a needed service; and as to all connections to its water mains outside of the said District; it may make such charge as it deems reasonable which charge is to take into consideration the general tax and front foot benefit charge laid within the District and it shall have the same power and authority over such water connections made outside the District as it has within the District, and providing further that if the Commission shall at any time use the waters of the Patuxent River at or above the Town of Laurel for the purpose of furnishing additional water supply to its consumers, it shall as a condition to the right to use such waters furnish to the Mayor and City Council of Laurel for the use of its water supply such water from the Patuxent River supply as said Mayor and City Council of Laurel may desire at the actual cost of supplying such water to the water mains of the Town which may be constructed for such purposes by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel to the nearest convenient point to the Patuxent water supply of said Commission, said point of connection between the Commission main and the Town main to be at or near the dam of said Commission.

The rates for service, except as herein provided, shall consist of a minimum or ready to serve charge which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall be based upon the amount of water passing the meter during the period between the last two readings, said meter being required to be placed on each water connection, by, and at