

pay the interest on said bonds and to pay for said bonds as they mature and become due and payable, after allowing credit for the money received from the front foot tax or charge, and any other receipts which may be set aside for this purpose under the provisions of any contract or regulation of said County Commissioners.

5A. The said County Commissioners of Howard County shall have power, in their discretion, to issue bonds for extensions of said water supply at any time to an amount not exceeding seven per cent. (7%) of the assessable property in said area or district, and to make such reasonable rules and regulations as to credit for rebates or refunds and as to the amount to be paid per front foot by different kinds of property as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Act. The said Commissioners may provide that said rebates or refunds shall constitute a contingent fund out of which extensions may be made, or may provide for setting aside such funds for the payment of interest on bonds or for the redemption of said bonds, all as the said Commissioners may, in their discretion, determine.

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, the County Commissioners of Howard County shall begin extending water mains whenever three-fifths of the registered voters residing within a particular area, the boundaries of which shall be definitely stated in such petition, adjacent to the source of water supply shall so petition in writing. Further extensions may also be made under similar conditions and restrictions. Provided, however, that it shall not be mandatory upon said County Commissioners to undertake such work or to make any extension or extensions unless such extension can be made under the conditions and within the limitations imposed by this Act, but at no time shall the outstanding bonded indebtedness exceed 7% of the assessable property within said area or district.

6. The said Board of County Commissioners of Howard County are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to determine where the water mains shall be placed and they shall have the power to place said mains in or under any of the county or State roads in said county, but before any of said mains shall be placed in or under any of the State highways, a permit shall be obtained from the State Roads Commission. Provided, however, that where any mains are laid in or under any of said highways the said roads or highways shall be restored to the same condition, as