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condemnation of such franchise or right in the manner provided for in Section 3 of this Act.

Work to be  
done by  
contract.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all work done, or supplies or materials purchased, in carrying out the purposes of this Act, when involving an expenditure of five hundred (\$500) dollars or more, shall be by contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Article 4 (entitled "City of Baltimore,") of the public local laws of Maryland; provided, however, that said commission shall be empowered, if it see fit, to insert in the specification for any such work reasonable and lawful conditions as to hours of labor, wages, and the residence or character of workmen to be employed by the contractor, and especially so far as it may be practicable in the judgment of said commission such reasonable and lawful conditions as will tend to confine employment on such work, in whole or in part, to permanent and *bona fide* residents of the State of Maryland only; provided, however, also that said commission, with the consent of all its members, may itself do any part or parts of any such work under such conditions in every respect as it may prescribe, by day labor, whenever the chief engineer in writing shall recommend that course; provided, however, that in that event said commission shall, among its other powers in the premises, be empowered to devise, publish and enforce such rules and regulations as will make merit and personal fitness, ascertained by some system of open competition or registration, or both, the sole tests of eligibility for all positions or employments under its control which it may see fit to embrace within the scope of said rules and regulations, which, however, may be limited to permanent and *bona fide* residents of this State in any particular. Any and all bids or parts of bids for any such work or supplies or materials may be rejected.

Proviso.

Stock to be  
issued.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That in order to provide money for the work to be done by said commission under this Act, as and when portions of such work are from time to time being done, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is hereby authorized to issue the stock of said corporation to an amount not exceeding \$5,000,000, said stock to be issued from time to time and in such amounts as the Mayor