

sums of money so expended in the making of said improvements shall be added to the purchase price fixed by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, and the aggregate amount thus obtained shall constitute the final purchase price to be paid by the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown to the Washington County Water Company for its said plant, which amount the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown shall be required to pay before it shall be entitled to acquire title to said plant.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted,* That at the regular election to be held in Hagerstown, Maryland, on March 25, 1918, or at a special election to be held in said city not later than May 1, 1918, the exact date thereof to be fixed by resolution of the Mayor and Council, the question of the purchase of said water plant from the Washington County Water Company, as hereinbefore set forth, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Hagerstown, who shall cast their ballots marked "For Purchase of Water Plant," or "Against Purchase of Water Plant," as said voter shall desire to vote for or against said purchase, and if at said election the number of ballots cast upon said question and reading "For Purchase of Water Plant," shall exceed the ballots cast against the question and reading "Against Purchase of Water Plant," then this Act shall immediately come into force and effect, but if at said election the number of votes cast upon said question and reading "Against the Purchase of Water Plant" shall exceed the number of votes cast upon said question and reading "For Purchase of Water Plant," then this Act shall be void, and all ballots cast at said election shall have printed thereon the price of said Water Plant as determined by the Public Service Commission of Maryland. It shall be the duty of the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown to give at least five days' notice before said election of the submission of said question to the qualified voters in Hagerstown in two newspapers published in Hagerstown, Maryland, which said notice shall state the price to be paid and be sufficient to give the title of this Act, the object and substance thereof and the way in which the ballots to be cast thereon shall read.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted,* That if a majority of the qualified voters of Hagerstown shall, at the election hereinbefore authorized, approve the purchase of said Water Plant and a majority of the stockholders of the Washington County