

District of Columbia, and for the disposal of sewage and drainage from the Sanitary District; and to enter into any agreement concerning any other matter necessary, advisable or expedient for the proper construction, maintenance and operation of the water supply, sewerage, drainage or refuse disposal systems under its control or those under the control of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Any contract or agreement so entered into shall have the full force and effect of a contract between the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever said Commission shall have extended its general water supply or sewerage system up to and is ready to connect with any municipally owned or privately owned water supply or sewerage system, or previously thereto if in its judgment such action is expedient, and it deems it advisable and proper for the adequate operation of the system under its jurisdiction to take over the said water or sewerage system, it may purchase the same upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. In the event of failure to agree as to the purchase price or conditions of purchase of said water or sewerage system, whether privately or municipally owned, the said Commission may acquire the same by condemnation, in the same manner as it is authorized to acquire land by this Act. In the condemnation of privately owned water or sewerage systems the jury shall take into consideration as a part of their award any payment, contribution or tax paid by the respective lot owners or purchasers toward the construction of said systems, and where said system or systems have been built in connection with and for the purpose of developing home sites, subdivisions or villages by any individual, firm or corporation and such system or systems have been offered as an inducement for the purchase of lots or land therein, the jury shall deduct from the determined value of the plant or system such sum as it may reasonably determine was added to the purchase price of said land or lots in the sale thereof for the purpose of constructing said system. Privately owned systems shall be taken under said condemnation by said Commission free and clear of all debts and liens, but said Commission shall make a party defendant any person, firm or corporation having any record lien or incumbrance against the same, and the Circuit Court is hereby empowered and authorized to determine the respective amounts due the defendants, and from