

providing for a Commission to operate the revenue producing Utilities of Easton.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following Sections be added to Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Talbot County" sub-title "Easton," to be designated and numbered as Sections 97-EE, 97-FF, 97-GG, 97-HH, 97-II, 97-JJ, 97-KK, 97-LL and 97-MM.

97-EE. On or before April 15th, 1914, the Mayor shall by and with the advice and consent of the Council appoint three residents of the town of Easton to be known as The Easton Utilities Commission, to operate, manage and maintain the municipal sewerage system and water works and all or any other revenue producing utilities which are now owned or may be hereafter constructed or acquired by the town, to serve for one, three and five years respectively, accounting from the first day of April, 1914. They shall draw lots for the different terms, the highest number to take the longest term and so on down to the lowest. Their successors shall be appointed one every two years, during the month of March, beginning with the year 1915, and whose term of office shall commence April 1st, following, to serve for six years; but if a vacancy shall occur at any time by reason of death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled by the Mayor and Council in the same way as provided for original appointment, by the appointment of a suitable person to serve for the remainder of the term of the Commissioner by whose death, resignation or removal from office the vacancy was created. The Commission so appointed shall have full charge of the operation, management and maintenance of all revenue producing utilities of the town of Easton, as aforesaid, including the power to make contracts in the name of the Mayor and Council of Easton, to sue in the name of the Mayor and Council of Easton for the collection of any and all indebtedness which may be due said Commission, or for the performance of contracts made with the Commission; to purchase material, employ all such assistants, skilled or unskilled, and labor as may be necessary for the proper performance of the duties of this Commission, and to fix their compensation; to make such rules and regulations for the management of the various utilities under their charge and for their own government as they may deem proper; to make extensions, additions or improvements to the plants or systems, provided the approval of the Mayor and Council shall