

fied voters of said town whether or not the bond issue herein provided for shall be made, which election shall be held under the provisions of law now governing elections in said town, and for the purpose of taking said vote there shall be printed on the tickets to be voted at said election in one column the words "FOR THE BOND ISSUE," and in another column the words "AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE," and if a majority of the legal and qualified voters shall vote in favor of said bond issue, then the said Burgess and Commissioners shall issue said bonds, and provide for the erection of said water works and said electric light, heat and power works, in conformity to the provisions of this Act; but if the majority of the said legal and qualified voters shall vote against the issue of said bonds, then this Act shall be null and void. The Judges of Election at said election shall at the close of the polls on said election day, cast up the votes and make certificate of the same in the usual form, and forward the said certificate and return of ballots to the Clerk of the Court of Washington County, and upon receipt by said Clerk of said certificate and ballots, he shall make proclamation of the result, by publication in one or more newspapers, not exceeding two, published in said County.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if the result of said election shall be in favor of the said bond issue, the said Burgess and Commissioners shall issue said bonds as hereinbefore provided, and use the proceeds of sale thereof for the purposes hereinbefore set forth, and to that end the said Burgess and Commissioners shall have full power and authority to contract for, purchase in fee simple, or lease for a term of years, renewable at their pleasure, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water or water course which they may deem necessary for the purpose of erecting, constructing, maintaining and operating their said water works and electric light works thereon, and of supplying water and electricity as hereinbefore provided; and they are hereby vested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water and of establishing an electric light, heat and power plant for said town, and of making all contracts, and of employing such agents, servants and employees as they may deem necessary for the proper establishment and working and operation of such water works and electric plant, and it is hereby expressly provided that the provisions of Chapter 207 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January Session, 1900, with reference to leases for a longer period than fifteen (15) years, be, and the