

event of the absence, sickness or other disability, for the time being, of its Chairman or Secretary, respectively, the Comptroller **shall draw his warrants upon the City Register**, payable out of such appropriations from said special fund for the amounts of all items of cost or expense properly chargeable upon said special fund, but said bonds or stock shall not be issued, in whole or in part, unless the ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore providing for the issuance thereof shall be submitted to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, at such time and place as may be fixed by said ordinance, and be approved by a majority of the votes cast at such time and place as required by Section 7 of Article 11 of the Constitution of Maryland. If issued pursuant to such approval, the Commissioners of Finance of the City shall issue said bonds or stock, **payable at such time or times, not exceeding forty years, and at such rate of interest as the City Council may determine, not exceeding 5%.** Said City may make payable annually a proportion of the principal of said bonds or certificates, and provide that said stock or bonds may be issued in series, falling due at stated periods; in which event the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall annually raise, by taxation, the amount **required to meet such interest and the proportion of the principal then payable.** The sinking funds of any loans of said City may be invested in said bonds or certificates.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Sewerage Commission shall locate its sewers intended for house connections in the rear of said houses whenever practicable and whenever said houses are not already otherwise connected with sewers, but said Sewerage Commission may locate any of said sewers in the front of said houses whenever the cost to the owners of the majority of the houses to be connected with said sewers in any block will be less if laid in front of said houses than if laid in the rear of said houses, and it shall be the duty of the Sewerage Commission to use private sewers whenever suitable and whenever any of said sewers is suitable and of sufficient capacity both to drain the houses connected with each sewer and such other houses as may be built abutting on that part of the street, alley or way in or near which said sewer is located, then the said Commission shall acquire, and it is hereby directed to acquire said sewer, if the same can be obtained at a sum not exceedingly fifty per cent. of what would be the cost of constructing and laying a sewer of the same kind in the same place, and if the same cannot be obtained, then the said Commission shall not be required to acquire said sewer, but said Commission