

the City of Hagerstown which shall block or impede the progress of said sewerage system when in progress of construction and establishment, shall rest upon and be borne by the said Sewerage Commission exclusively.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all work done or supplies or materials purchased in carrying out the purposes of this Act when involving an expenditure of five hundred dollars or more shall be by contract, awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; provided, however, that said commission shall be empowered, if it see fit, to insert in the specifications for any such reasonable and lawful conditions as to hours of labor, wages and the residence or character of workmen to be employed by the contractor, and especially, so far as may be practicable in the judgment of said commission, such reasonable and lawful conditions as will tend to confine employment on such work, in whole or in part, to permanent and bona fide residents of the State of Maryland only; and provided, however, also that said commission with the consent of a majority of all of its members may itself do any part or parts of any such work under such conditions in every respect as it may prescribe, by day labor; in which event the said commission, in addition to its other powers in the premises, shall likewise be authorized to devise, promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as will make merit and personal fitness, ascertained by some system of open competition or registration or both, the sole test of eligibility for all positions or employments under its control, which it may see fit to embrace within the scope of said rules and regulations, which, however, may be limited to permanent and bona fide residents of this State in any particular. Any and all bids for any such work or supplies or materials may be rejected by said commission.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That in order to provide money for the projection, construction and establishment of said sewerage system and sewerage disposal plant the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown be and it is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$750,000 upon the faith and credit of Hagerstown; and, to provide for borrowing the sum necessary to construct said sewerage system and sewerage disposal plant the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown is hereby empowered and directed to issue coupon bonds in such amounts and denominations as it may deem best, said bonds to be issued from time to time as the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown shall by ordinance pre-