

advantage and necessity of constructing comprehensive water supply, sewerage and drainage systems within the Sanitary District, and shall hold public hearings, whenever they deem it necessary, for the discussion of the legislation to be proposed, as provided under Section 4.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That said Commission shall have full power and authority to negotiate with the proper authorities of the District of Columbia with regard to the connection of the proposed sewers of the Counties with those of the District of Columbia, or vice versa, or with regard to any other matter necessary for the proper construction or operation of the water and sewer systems by them designed.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That, for the purpose of providing for the organization of said Commission, the prosecution of its preliminary investigations and surveys, the preparation of necessary maps, plans and specifications, and for the doing of all other things that may be required by this Act, the County Commissioners of Montgomery County and the County Commissioners of Prince George's County, shall from time to time, upon the request of the said Sanitary Commission, as in its judgment may appear necessary, issue and sell, bonds of the respective Counties in equal amounts, provided that the total of such bonds so issued and sold shall not be greater than \$5,000 for each County. Such bonds shall be offered for sale in open market to the highest bidder, for cash, by sealed proposals, after such advertisement or other notice, and in such denomination, as by the County Commissioners may be deemed advisable; provided, however, that said proposals shall be opened not later than three weeks after date of the request of said Sanitary Commission that bonds be issued. Such bonds shall be issued under the hands and seal of the Commissioners of the County so issuing them; shall not be sold at less than par, and shall bear interest not to exceed five per cent. per annum; payable semi-annually. They shall run from one to twenty-five years and one twenty-fifth of the issue shall be retired each year for twenty-five years. The cost of said bonds shall be assessed upon all property in the Sanitary District lying within the County issuing them.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the bonds so issued under Section 7. of this Act shall be a first lien, subject only to the lien for regularly levied State and County taxes and regularly levied municipal taxes, where levied against land