

shall receive, in addition to the sum of \$2,400 per annum as now provided by law, the sum of twelve hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly, as compensation for the discharge of the duties imposed upon them under this Act.

The Commissioners shall appoint and fix the compensation of a chief sanitary engineer, and shall appoint or authorize the appointment of such engineering, clerical and other force and help as in their judgment are necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act, may discharge such appointees at pleasure, and may exact from them such indemnity bonds as they may deem proper. The Commissioners shall publish annually in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore County a full and true account of their receipts, expenses and expenditures under this Act. Prior to such publication, their accounts shall be audited by a certified public accountant to be employed and paid by the Commissioners out of such Metropolitan District or Sub-district Funds as may at the time be available.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever it shall be deemed necessary by the Commissioners to take or acquire any land, structures or buildings, source of water supply, any stream bed, water way, water rights, water shed, franchises, water, sewerage, or drainage systems, or other property, either in fee or as an easement, within or without the Metropolitan District, except within the territorial limits of Baltimore City, for the construction, extension or maintenance of any water supply, water main, sewer or appurtenance thereof, or for any sewage disposal plant, reservoir, water purification plant, tank or pumping station, or for any other purpose under this Act, the Commissioners may purchase the same from the owners, or, failing to agree with the owner or owners thereof, may condemn the same, except within the territorial limits of Baltimore City, by proceedings in the Circuit Court for the county in which said land, structures or buildings, source or water supply, stream bed, water way, water rights, water shed, franchises, water, sewerage, or drainage systems, or other property is situated, as now provided for condemnation of land by public service corporations in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and the Commissioners may likewise condemn the interest of any tenant, lessee or other person having an interest in said land, structures or buildings, source of water supply, stream bed, water way, water rights, water shed, franchises, water, sewerage, or drain-