

age systems, or other property. At any time after ten days following the return and recordation of the verdict or award in said proceedings, the Commissioners may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of said award and all costs taxed to date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant; at the time of said payment, however, they shall give their corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment on such appeal or further proceeding. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the properties, plants, franchises and rights of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or to any properties, plants, franchises and rights that may be hereafter acquired by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the protection or enlargement of its water supply, sewerage, storm-water drainage, or refuse disposal systems or any other of its utility properties, except by and with the consent of the Mayor and City Council of said city, but shall apply to any and all other property necessary for the purposes of this Act which may, at the time of condemnation, be subject to a prior public use for water supply, sewerage and drainage systems.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That as soon after organization as possible, and from time to time thereafter, the Commissioners shall cause surveys, studies, plans, specifications and estimates to be made for water supply, sewerage and storm-water drainage systems in all those parts of the Baltimore County Metropolitan District in which there is, in their judgment, a need for water supply, sewerage or drainage. The Commissioners shall divide the Metropolitan District into water, sewerage or drainage sub-districts in such a way as shall in their judgment best serve the needs of the various communities and shall promote convenience and economy of installation and operation, which sub-districts when so created shall be numerically designated in the order of their creation as Metropolitan Sub-districts, and shall thereafter be known by the designations so given. Whenever and as plans are completed for those sub-districts most needing service, the Commissioners shall give notice by publication for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore County that said improvements are contemplated, that the boundaries of the sub-district have been established and the classifications provided for in Section 9 hereof, have been made, and that at a time specified in said notice which shall be at least