

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.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever three-fifths of the registered voters now residing in any locality in Baltimore County adjoining the Baltimore County Metropolitan District, but outside the boundaries thereof, as constituted by Section 1 of this Act, shall, in writing, petition the Commissioners to have the locality (the boundaries whereof shall be definitely stated in such petition) included within the Metropolitan District, the Commissioners may, in their discretion, by and with the consent and approval of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, extend said District to include said locality, which locality shall become a part of said District and subject to all the provisions of this Act, upon the recording of such petition, together with the written approval of the Commissioners, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in a book to be kept by the Commissioners for that purpose, and upon such publication as the Commissioners shall deem proper.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioners may enter upon any State or County street, road or alley, or any public highway, for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the water supply, sewerage and drainage system provided for under this Act, and it may construct in any such street, road or alley or public highway, a water main, sewer or drain, or any appurtenance thereof, upon the receipt of a permit from the public authority having control thereof, but without the payment of a charge therefor, but in case the Chief Sanitary Engineer of the Metropolitan District and the Roads Engineer of Baltimore County do not agree as to the issuance of said permit, then the County Commissioners after hearing both Engineers shall decide and their decision shall be final in the matter. Said highway shall be repaired and left by the Commissioners in the same, or a not inferior, condition to that existing before being torn up, and that all costs incident thereto shall be borne by the Commissioners. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the properties, plants, franchises or 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 enlarge-