

them in, or their assigns or successors, and without any liability upon the part of the Commission for damage that might be done to the same by reason of the Commission's operations in constructing or maintaining its systems or works. Any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 22 of this Act.

SEC. 23. *And be it further enacted,* That every Act or omission designated as a misdemeanor in this Act, unless otherwise provided, shall be punishable by any Justice of the Peace or the Circuit Court of the County within which such offense is committed, and upon summons, warrant or indictment upon the oath or information of any member of said Commission, or of any agent or employee thereof when expressly authorized by the Commission, and the offender shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.00, or to confinement for not more than thirty days in the County jail, or both, in the discretion of the Magistrate or Circuit Court. Where such act or omission is of a continuing nature and is persisted in, in violation of the provisions of this Act or of any rule or regulation formulated thereunder, a conviction for one offense shall not be a bar to the conviction for a continuation of such offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.

SEC. 24. *And be it further enacted,* That any land owned by a Church, and constituting the premises occupied by such Church or its parsonage, and used exclusively for public worship or for other religious or customary purposes of a church or parsonage and not for investment, gain or other secular purposes, shall be exempt from the benefit assessments provided for by this Act in respect of a frontage of not exceeding 150 feet; and this exemption shall take effect from and after the passage of this Act. The Commission may, in its discretion, exercised in each individual case, grant or withhold a further exemption of land so owned and used in respect of any frontage thereof in excess of the 150 feet hereinbefore provided for.

SEC. 25. *And be it further enacted,* That the Public Service Commission of Maryland is hereby given jurisdiction to determine, upon appeal, the reasonableness of all assessments, tax levies or service charges, as in the case of Public Service corporations, upon written complaint of any one financially interested therein, under such regulations as said Public Service Commission may from time to time order and provide. All appeals shall be taken within thirty days from the date of the promulgation or levy of any such assessment, tax levy or service charge by the Sanitary Commission.