

supply, sewerage and storm water drainage systems for any area in the Baltimore County Metropolitan District, shall have been completed and the County Commissioners shall have decided to proceed with the construction thereof, the County Commissioners shall proceed to construct, or cause to be constructed, said system, or parts thereof, by contract, after public advertisement, and if, in their judgment, the prices bid are unreasonable, they may reject all bids and do any part or all of the work by day labor, or by their own forces, as they may deem advisable, so that the said system or systems may be constructed and operated, at a minimum cost; provided, however, that at any time, the County Commissioners may, at their discretion, expend for construction work, either by day labor or by their own forces, an amount not exceeding Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), without advertising or receiving bids.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That, for the purpose of paying part or all of the interest, and providing for part or all of the sinking fund for the bonds issued and/or to be issued by the County Commissioners, as provided for in Chapter 539 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland for 1924, the County Commissioners are hereby empowered to levy annually against all taxable property in the Baltimore County Metropolitan District such an amount applicable to the payment of part or all of the interest and retirement expenses as they may deem desirable or necessary. The Treasurer of Baltimore County is hereby required to collect the tax so levied in the same manner as the State and County taxes are collected, and such tax shall bear the same interest and be subject to the same penalties, in the event of non-payment, as in the case of other County taxes.

Approved April 5, 1927.

CHAPTER 290.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 173 and 174 of Article 3 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (Offutt's 1916 Edition), title "Baltimore County," sub-title "Crier and Bailiffs," giving the County Commissioners of said county authority to fix the salaries of the bailiffs of the Circuit Court for said County.