

tions or orders passed in the District of Columbia by said Commission shall have the same force and effect as if passed by said Commission when sitting in the Sanitary District; and all acts, orders and regulations heretofore passed by said Commission while sitting in the District of Columbia are hereby ratified and confirmed and are to be given the same force and effect as if passed in the State of Maryland. Said Commission shall annually publish in at least one newspaper in Montgomery County, and one in Prince George's County, a full and true account of its receipts, expenses and expenditures; prior to said publication said accounts shall be fully audited by the State Auditor of the State of Maryland, who shall be paid such compensation by the Commission as is paid the Auditor for auditing other State accounts; provided, however, said Commission may in addition to said State audit employ a certified public accountant to audit its books and accounts. Said Commission shall always keep available and open to public inspection during business hours, at its principal office, a detailed audit and financial statement of its accounts.

Said Commission is authorized to formulate and adopt a pension or retirement plan for its employees, including the right to contract with any established insurance company or insurance companies for a group, annuity, retirement or pension plan, and to contribute so much thereto as it may deem equitable, or be required to pay under any contract, and such contribution or payment shall be charged as expenses of the several departments of the Commission in the same proportion that the receipts of the respective departments bear to the total receipts of the Commission.

992. (1016) The members of said Commission shall be a body corporate by the name of the "Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission", with the right to use a common seal, to sue and be sued, and to do any and all other corporate acts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act. In the event of a judgment at law or in equity being recovered against said Commission or for the purpose of amicably adjusting threatened or pending litigation, the Commission shall at the annual tax levying period of the respective County Commissioners next succeeding the rendition of said judgment or compromise, certify to said County Commissioners of both Counties, a tax rate, in addition to that required for its interest, serial bonds and sinking fund requirements, that will, when levied and collected under the provisions of Section 995 (1019) of this sub-title, produce an amount sufficient to satisfy said judgment or other sum including costs and counsel fees, if any, provided, however, that this provision shall relate