

of Baltimore County, evidenced by the passage of an ordinance as hereinafter provided, accepted payment of such assessments and charges so in arrears in installments. The Commissioners are hereby authorized by ordinance to provide for the payment of Metropolitan District annual assessments and charges which may be due or in arrears for two or more years prior to January 1, 1938, in installments. Such ordinance shall have the force and effect of law, shall operate uniformly in the Metropolitan District and shall permit payment in no greater number of annual installments than six. All unpaid installments shall bear interest at the rate of one-half of 1% per month until paid. In the event there be established under any ordinance or law the practice of permitting payments in Baltimore County of taxes in installments, the provisions herein with respect to payment of Metropolitan District annual assessments and charges in installments shall cease to be operative and in lieu thereof with respect to each assessable property all Metropolitan annual assessments and charges thereon shall be included in the taxes thereon and collected together, in installments. The Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and pass all needful ordinances, which shall have the force and effect of law, to carry the preceding provision of this section into effect. Upon written order of the Commissioners, authorizing and directing him so to do, the treasurer of Baltimore County shall in his own name as such treasurer proceed to enforce the lien of Metropolitan District assessments and charges on any particular property specified in such order, by a bill in equity or upon the written order of the Commissioners shall proceed to collect said assessments and charges by an action of debt. Anything in this section or Act to the contrary notwithstanding, whenever it be a fact that any particular property is subject to the lien of Metropolitan assessments and charges and the same property is also subject to a valid and enforceable lien created prior to April 9, 1924, the Commissioners shall order and direct the enforcement of the lien of the Metropolitan assessments and charges on said property by bill in equity or by suit at law, as aforesaid, and in every such case said assessments and charges shall not be collected by the treasurer of Baltimore County as taxes are collected. All assessments and charges collected by the treasurer of Baltimore County shall be deposited as received into a special account or accounts in one or more banks designated by the Commissioners and the sums so deposited, together with all sums received by the Commissioners to the credit of the Metropolitan District water and sewerage funds, after deducting all overhead expenses of the Commissioners and all proper and necessary costs of maintaining and operating the systems, shall be ap-