

WHEREAS, it has always been the legislative intent and understanding that all Metropolitan District assessments and charges are and have been a superior lien upon property chargeable therewith, excepting only the priority of taxes; and,

WHEREAS, certain questions have arisen as to the construction of the provisions of Chapter 539 of the Acts of 1924 and amendments thereto, relating to the priority of Metropolitan District assessments and charges as against private liens, such as mortgages, created prior to April 9, 1924; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 335* of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Health and Sanitation" (Metropolitan District), as the same was repealed and re-enacted by Chapter 463 of the Acts of 1939, be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

335. For the purpose of paying the interest and providing the sinking fund for the bonds issued by the County Commissioners, as hereinafter provided for the water supply, sewerage and drainage systems to be constructed, purchased or established under this Act, the Commissioners are hereby empowered and directed to establish a proper and reasonable charge for connection with said water supply, sewerage and drainage systems so to be constructed, purchased or established as aforesaid, and to fix an annual assessment on all properties, improved and unimproved, binding upon a street, road, lane, alley or right-of-way in which a water main, sewer or drain has been built. The said annual assessment shall be made upon the front foot basis, and the first payment shall be collectible during the year that the construction is started on the water supply, sewerage or drainage system, or in which the systems are purchased or acquired. And interest at the rate of one-half of 1% per month shall be charged on all said annual assessments remaining unpaid on June first after said annual assessment shall be due and payable. The Commissioners, for the purpose of assessing benefits, shall divide all properties fronting upon a street, lane or alley, in which a water pipe or sanitary sewer is to be laid, into four classes, namely; First, Agricultural; second, Small Acreage; third, Industrial or Business, and fourth, Subdivision Property, and the benefit charges shall be fixed and levied in accordance with the above classification; provided, however, that no front foot benefit charge shall be

* Article 3 evidently omitted through inadvertence.