

all needful ordinances, which shall have the force and effect of law, to carry the preceding provision of this section into effect. 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 applied by the Commissioners to the payment of the interest on and to the retirement of such outstanding bonds as may be issued under this Act. The change in the method of collecting or enforcing said annual assessments and charges shall not be so construed as to make any of said annual assessments and charges subject to the bar of any statute of limitations.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this is a remedial measure for the purpose of clarifying and declaring the existing law, and no language in this Act shall in any manner be construed to require a prospective construction, but all the provisions of this Act shall operate retroactively so that the construction herein declared and the remedies herein provided shall apply to all Metropolitan District charges and assessments heretofore accrued, as well as to all Metropolitan District charges and assessments accruing after the effective date of this Act. The provisions of this Act shall apply to all pending actions and proceedings of whatsoever kind or nature for enforcement or collection of Metropolitan District charges and assessments, as well as to all proceedings and actions for enforcement or collection brought after the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all Acts and parts of Acts, whether local or general, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision, clause, sentence, word, phrase or part of this Act, or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or to any given factual situation, is held invalid, neither the remainder of this Act nor the application of such invalidated portion or portions of this Act to other persons, firms or corporations, and to other circumstances shall be affected thereby. If any provision, clause, sen-