

County, for the construction, extension or maintenance of any water main, sewer or appurtenance thereof, or any sewage treatment plant, reservoir, water treatment plant, storage tank or pumping station, or for the execution by the Commission of any other power or function vested in it by this Act, said Commission may purchase the same from the owners, or failing to agree with the owner or owners thereof, may condemn the same by proceedings in the Circuit Court for the county in which said land, structures or buildings, stream bed, waterway, water rights or watershed is located, as are provided for condemnation of land by public service corporations in the public General Laws of Maryland, now or hereafter in effect, and said Commission may likewise condemn the interest of any tenant, lessee or other person having any right or interest in said land, structures or buildings, stream bed, waterway, water rights or watershed. At any time after ten days after the return and recordation of the verdict or award in said proceedings, the Commission may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of said award and all costs taxed to that date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant. At the time of said payment, however, the Commission shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment in such appeal or further proceedings.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever fifteen property owners residing in any locality in Howard County shall in writing petition the Commission to have said locality, the boundaries whereof shall be definitely stated in said petition, constituted as a sub-district, then if the Commission, in its discretion, shall deem it expedient to constitute said locality as a sub-district in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and if the County Commissioners consent thereto, the Commission shall cause plats of such locality to be made under the supervision of its chief engineer, showing the proposed water, sewerage or drainage systems, one copy of which plat shall be filed in the office of the Commission, one in the office of the County Commissioners and one in a plat book indexed "Howard County Metropolitan Commission", in the office where the land records of Howard County are kept; and upon the filing of said plat and the approval of said locality by the County Commissioners of said County and the said Metropolitan Commission, such district shown on said plat shall be, and the same is hereby designated and constituted for the purposes of this Act to be a separate sub-district, and shall be given by the Commission a distinctive name and shall be subject to all the provisions of this Act, and the filing of said plat shall constitute legal notice to the public of such action of said Com-