

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Commission shall have full power and authority to enter into any contract for the connection of its water supply, sewerage or drainage systems, with those of any municipality, or adjoining counties, for the purchase of water and for the disposal of sewage and other drainage from any sub-district, and to enter into any other agreement concerning any other matter deemed by the Commission to be necessary, advisable or expedient for the proper construction, maintenance and operation of the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems under its control, or those under the control of any municipalities, counties or sub-divisions.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commission is authorized and empowered to purchase or acquire by gift any existing water, sewerage, or drainage systems in Howard County or any other water, sewerage or drainage systems in said County, which in its judgment are desirable or necessary for the purpose of providing adequate water or sewerage service, or both, for the residents of Howard County.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever said Commission shall have extended its water supply or sewerage system up to and is ready to connect with any municipally owned or privately owned water supply or sewerage system, whether operating as an independent water supply or sewerage system or as an extension of an adjacent or adjoining system or systems, and whether within or outside of Howard County, and it deems it advisable and proper for the adequate operation of the system under its jurisdiction to take over the said water or sewerage system, or extension of such system or systems, it may take over or purchase the same upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, but before any part of the purchase price is paid, other than a nominal sum of money to bind the agreement, it shall be the duty of the vendor or agent to furnish a statement to said Commission setting forth all names and addresses of persons having any interest or claims against said property whatsoever, which shall be verified by an oath in writing. Thereupon it shall be the duty of said Commission to notify personally or by registered mail, return receipt requested, all persons having any interest whatsoever in said property, and in addition thereto the Commission shall give three weeks' notice of its intention to purchase said property in a newspaper or newspapers published within said County where the property is located, and each person having any claim whatsoever against said property shall file its, his or her claim with said Commission on or before the expiration date mentioned in said notice, at which time any and all persons will be heard and their rights determined by the Commission,