

districts, including the necessary preliminary expense, and for the purpose of maintaining said systems when constructed, the Commission may request the County Commissioners of Prince George's County and the County Commissioners of Montgomery County to levy a direct ad valorem tax not exceeding 2¢ per \$100.00 on all of the property assessed for County tax purposes within the Sanitary District and within the respective Counties. When so requested, the respective County Commissioners shall levy such tax at the next tax levying period and the amount of such tax shall be levied and collected by the County Treasurers of the respective Counties as the general ad valorem tax of the Commission is now levied, collected and paid.

The County Commissioners of either County may, however, in lieu of levying the tax provided for herein, pay the amount which would be produced by such levy out of any funds not otherwise appropriated and available for the purpose, and shall not then be required to make the levy requested by the Commission.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of providing for the payment of the principal and the interest on the bonds so issued by the Commission for the construction of drainage systems, there shall be levied by the Commission a drainage system assessment against all of the properties within said drainage area served by said system whether immediately or remotely, which the Commission determines to be benefited by said system, based on the assessed value of all of the property belonging to any owner within said drainage area and so benefited, which tax or assessment shall be uniform throughout the area affected. Such tax or assessment shall be levied annually in a sufficient amount to meet the principal and interest requirements of the bonds outstanding, the proceeds of which went into the construction of the drainage system and such tax or assessment may be graduated from year to year as the bonds are retired. Before any such tax or assessment is levied the Commission shall mail to the best obtainable addresses of the owners of all properties within said drainage district or part thereof upon which it is proposed to levy a tax or assessment, notice that said tax or assessment is to be levied and giving said property owners an opportunity to be heard thereon at a time and place fixed in said notice, and at said hearing the Commission may adjust said tax or assessment, maintaining, however, a rule of uniformity as to the base rate or percentage of levy. Upon completion of such levy, the Commission shall certify the same, including the names, properties and amounts to the County Commissioners of the County within which such drainage system is to be constructed, and the County Commissioners shall thereupon direct the Treasurer