

CHAPTER 917.

(House Bill 720)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 4, 5 and 6 of Chapter 526 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1943 relating to drainage systems within the jurisdiction of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 4, 5 and 6 of Chapter 526 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1943 be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

4. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act and constructing such storm water or surface drainage system, the Commission is empowered, from time to time, to issue bonds in such denominations and for such term not, however, exceeding Twenty-five (25) years and at such rate not, however, exceeding Four (4) per cent as it may determine. Such bonds to be the general obligations of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District guaranteed by both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, as the construction bonds of the Commission are now guaranteed under the provisions of Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1918 and amendments thereto. The total amount of bonds for the construction of storm water or surface drainage systems outstanding shall at no time exceed the sum of \$1,000,000.00.
5. That for the purpose of laying out drainage districts within the Sanitary Districts and for planning and designing works within the several drainage districts, including the necessary preliminary expenses, and for the purpose of maintaining said systems when constructed, the Commission shall 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 1¢ per \$100.00 on all of the property assessed for County tax purposes within the Sanitary District and within the respective Counties, and shall request the County Commissioners of Prince George's County and the County Commissioners of Montgomery County to levy an additional ad valorem tax at a rate to be certified to said County Commissioners necessary to produce annually the sum required to pay the principal and interest for the current year on the outstanding bonds authorized by Section 4.
6. The Commission may require any owner or developer of a subdivision or tract of land upon which dwellings, apartments, stores or other buildings, are to be erected to contribute what it deems to be a fair share of the cost of a drainage project be-