

assessed on the books of the town of St. Michaels in not less than the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

487. (a) It shall be the duty of the Commissioners of St. Michaels on or before June 1st, 1945, to appoint three registered voters of the town of St. Michaels, to wit: Howard W. Caulk, William C. Mills and Joseph Caulk to serve respectively for the remainder of one, two and three years, each from June 1st, 1945, as Utility Commission of St. Michaels, which Commission shall have charge of the municipal lighting plant or system, and shall each successive year thereafter appoint from the registered voters of St. Michaels one Utilities Commissioner to serve for three years from Jan. 1st of the year for which he shall be appointed, but if a vacancy shall occur at any time by reason of death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled by the Commissioners of St. Michaels in the same way as provided for in the original appointment, by the appointment of a suitable person to serve for the remainder of the term of the member by whose death, resignation, removal from office the vacancy was created.

(b) The Commission shall have full charge of the operation, management and maintenance of the municipal lighting plant or system of St. Michaels, including the power to make contracts in the name of the Commissioners of St. Michaels, to sue in the name of the Commissioners of St. Michaels, for the collection of any or all indebtedness due said Commission, or for the performance of contracts made with the Commission; to purchase material, employ all such assistants, skilled or unskilled, and labor as may be necessary for the proper performance of the duties, and to fix their compensation; to make such rules and regulations for the management of said electrical plant or system under their charge and for their own government as they deem proper, to make extensions, additions or improvements to the plant or system, provided the approval of the Commissioners of St. Michaels shall be first secured, where the costs of such extension, addition or improvements exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and provided that where the aggregate cost of any extension, addition or improvement shall exceed two hundred (\$200.00) dollars the Commission shall secure competitive bids for the purchase of all material for the use of the plant or system under their control including fuel, and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest bidder, based on the specifications upon which the respective bids are invited; to fix and revise rates, provided that no revision of the rates shall become effective, nor any other rates which may thereafter be made until, by formal resolution, approved by the Commissioners of St. Michaels and provided further that the Commission shall give at least 15 days' previous notice, by publication in some newspaper published in the Town of St.