

erendum of the voters of the City, unless the Mayor and Aldermen shall by resolution so direct. The City may retain professional legal assistance for the issuance of any of the bonds hereby authorized and the limitation contained in Section 1(A) of Chapter 691 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January Session in the year 1943, shall be inapplicable to any such employment.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the maturing principal and interest of any bonds issued pursuant to the authority hereby conferred shall be payable primarily from water rents or other charges imposed for the consumption of water heretofore or hereafter levied and imposed by the City and to the extent that the proceeds from the collection of such water rents or other charges are insufficient, in any year, for the above mentioned purpose, the principal and interest of said bonds shall be payable from *ad valorem* taxes which the City is hereby authorized and empowered to levy upon all property subject to assessment for taxation within the corporate limits of the City without limitation as to rate or amount. The power of the City to levy and impose water rents, either on a metered or flat rate basis, is hereby confirmed, and the City shall likewise have the power to change or increase said rates from time to time hereafter as conditions may dictate and to levy and impose any such water rents or charges upon any consumer of water, connected with the City's water system, whose property may be located outside the corporate limits of the City. Any such water rents or other charges shall be billed or collected on a quarterly or semi-annual basis and, if any such bill is uncollected within thirty (30) days from its date of mailing, the water of the consumer neglecting to pay such bill may be turned off by the City. All such water rents and charges shall constitute liens on real property, collectible in the same manner as *ad valorem* taxes of the City.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in conjunction with the construction, extension, expansion or improvement of any of the systems described in Section 1 hereof, the following powers are hereby expressly conferred upon the City to the extent not already possessed by the City:

(a) To condemn any property, right or interest belonging to any person, persons, corporation or corporations (whether such corporation be public or private, and whether such property, right or interest be impressed with a prior public or quasi public use or not) for the purpose of making any of the improvements described in Section 1 hereof. The manner of procedure in case of any condemnation proceeding shall be that established in Article 33(A) of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, Title: "Eminent Domain";