

construction, maintenance or operation of water supply, sewerage and drainage systems; to provide for the issuance of bonds for the purpose of such construction and the levy of taxes, assessments and benefits, water charges and rates for the payment of said bonds in each district; to provide for the operation, maintenance, regulation and control of said systems; and to provide penalties for certain offenses defined herein, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That twenty-four new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (Higinbothom's 1942 Code of Harford County), title "Harford County", to be under sub-title "Metropolitan Commission", said new sections to be known as Sections Nos. 430A to 430X, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 430 of said Article, and to read as follows:*

*430A. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this sub-title, the sanitary districts created hereafter shall be under the jurisdiction of a Commission of three persons, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Harford County, and all of whom shall reside in Harford County, be resident taxpayers of said County and qualified voters thereof. No person shall be eligible for appointment to said Commission by said County Commissioners if he shall have held any elective or appointive office at any time during the five years immediately preceding such appointment and as soon as two or more sanitary districts have been established, no member may thereafter be appointed who resides in the same sanitary district as any three members of the board so that no single sanitary district shall have more than one member on the Commission. The members of the Commission shall serve without salary. The term of each of the three members shall be six years or until their successors are appointed and have qualified, except that the first Commissioner named by said Commissioners shall serve for two years, the second for four years and the third for six years from the date of their appointment, and as the term of each Commissioner expires, his successor shall be appointed by said County Commissioners. Any vacancy in the personnel of the Commission shall be filled by appointment by said County Commissioners for the unexpired term. The Commission shall elect one of its members as Chairman, and shall appoint, discharge at pleasure and,*