

requested in the original petition and the Commission shall cause the plat of such locality to be made under the supervision of its chief engineer, showing the proposed water or sewerage systems, one copy of which plat shall be filed in the office of the Commission, one in the office of the County Commissioners and one in a plat book indexed "Wicomico County Sewer and Water Commission", in the office where the land records of Wicomico County are kept; and upon the filing of said plat and the approval of said locality by the County Commissioners of said County and the Commission, such sanitary district shown on said plat shall be and the same is hereby designated and constituted for the purpose of this sub-title to be a separate sanitary district, and shall be given by the Commission a distinctive name and shall be subject to all the provisions of this sub-title, and the filing of said plat shall constitute legal notice to the public of such action of the Commission. For the purpose of providing for the organization and preliminary expenses of any newly constituted sanitary district, the County Commissioners shall furnish the Commission with a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), which shall be repaid out of the first bond issue or income of the particular district.

425. Whenever fifteen (15) property owners residing in any sub-district constituting part of any sanitary district in Wicomico County, as now or hereafter constituted, in which either water or sewerage services have been established by the Commission, or if there are not fifteen (15) property owners in such sub-district then twenty-five (25) per cent of the owners therein shall petition the Commission for the establishment, in addition to the existing service, of water or sewerage facilities, as the case may be, the Commission shall prepare without cost to the petitioners a preliminary estimate to determine the approximate cost of providing such facilities. The Commission will also submit an estimate of the cost of making surveys and preparing a complete engineering and financial report, which shall include the estimated assessed property valuation as fixed for County taxation purposes, within the sub-district involved, which estimated assessed valuation shall be furnished to the Commission by the County Commissioners. Whenever such preliminary estimates are completed, the Commission shall give notice by publication in one or more newspapers published within the County, and by hand bills posted and circulated in the locality where said proposed facilities are contemplated, which notice shall specify the proposed area to be served, together with the time and place of the hearing to be held, at which hearing those present shall be given the probable cost of the proposed facilities in the area to be served, as shown by the preliminary survey, the probable cost of the preparation of the complete engineering and financial report incident thereto, and a statement of the unamortized balance due on facilities theretofore installed by the Commission in the sub-district involved. If the estimated cost of the proposed facilities, including the cost of the engineering and financial report incident thereto, plus unamortized balance of the cost of facilities already installed by the Commission in the sub-district involved, shall exceed fifteen per centum (15%) of the assessed property value as fixed for County taxation purposes in said sub-district, or if the project is not feasible from an engineering or a financial standpoint, then the Commission may, in its discretion, deny the petition. If the Commission shall deny the petition, a majority