

said new sections to follow immediately after Section 576 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Sanitary Districts"; providing for the appointment and incorporation in each of the several counties, or in two or more of the several counties as bodies corporate and politic, of "Sanitary Districts" and for the government thereof; prescribing the rights, powers and duties of such Districts; authorizing such Districts by purchase or gift to acquire, hold, construct, reconstruct, extend, repair, improve, maintain, own and lease, either as lessor or lessee, water supply, sewerage and drainage systems; and authorizing such Districts to purchase, condemn or acquire by gift any land, structures or buildings or any stream bed, water way, water rights, or watershed or any rights therein required for use in the construction, maintenance or operation of water supply, sewerage and drainage systems; providing for the issuance of bonds for the purpose of such construction and the levy and collection of taxes, assessments and benefits, water charges and rates for the payment of the debt service of said bonds in each District and for the cost of operation and maintenance of such water and sewerage systems; providing for the operation, maintenance, regulation and control of said systems; exempting such systems, such bonds and the income therefrom from taxation; authorizing counties, municipalities, sanitary districts and other political sub-divisions to contract with and advance money to Sanitary Districts and to transfer or lease to such Districts existing facilities; and relating generally to such Sanitary Districts, their powers, duties and operations AND EXEMPTING CERTAIN COUNTIES FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 577 to ~~604~~ 605, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", said new sections to be under the new sub-title "Sanitary Districts", to follow immediately after Section 576, and to read as follows:

Sanitary Districts

577. *The following terms whenever used or referred to in this sub-title shall have the following meanings, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates otherwise:*

(a) *The term "District" shall mean a body politic and corporate created pursuant to this sub-title, or, if such body politic and corporate shall be abolished, the board, body or commission succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to which the powers given by this sub-title to such body politic and corporate shall be given by law.*

(b) *The term "Commission" shall mean the governing body of a District.*

(c) *The term "bonds" shall mean and include notes, bonds and other evidences of indebtedness or obligations which each District is authorized to issue pursuant to Section 586 of this sub-title.*

(d) *The term "governing body" as applied to any county shall mean the body or board authorized by law to enact ordinances or adopt resolutions for the particular county.*

(e) *The term "water system" shall mean and shall include all plants, systems, facilities or properties used or useful or having the*