

*demnation with respect thereto, but before any part of the purchase price is paid, other than a nominal sum of money to bind the agreement, it shall be the duty of the vendor or agent to furnish a statement to said Commission setting forth all names and addresses of persons having any interest or claims against said property whatsoever, which shall be verified by an oath in writing. Thereupon it shall be the duty of said Commission to notify personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, all persons having any interest whatsoever in said property, and in addition thereto the Commission shall give three weeks' notice of its intention to purchase said property in a newspaper or newspapers published within said County where the property is located, and each person having any claim whatsoever against said property shall file his, her, or its claim with said Commission on or before the expiration date mentioned in said notice, at which time any and all persons will be heard and their rights determined by the Commission, which said hearing shall be final. From and after payment to the proper parties of the agreed purchase price, or other amounts found to be due by the Commission as aforesaid, the Commission shall be authorized to take possession of, maintain and operate said system, whether private or municipal, as part of its general system, and from the date of such payment all properties along the line of any water main or sewer of the system as acquired shall stand in the same relation, bear the same benefit assessment, and be subject to the same regulations and penalties as though the system so acquired had been constructed and put into operation by the Commission under the provisions of this sub-title; provided, however, that no building or premises actually connected in an adequate manner with the said acquired system at the time of its purchase shall be required to pay any connection charge. Whenever there is in existence a privately owned water supply or sewerage system which in the judgment of the Commission is unfit, as a whole or in part, for incorporation with the Commission's system, the Commission shall disregard the existence of said system or unfit part thereof and extend its system to serve the area tributary to the existing system or unfit part thereof, and all the provisions of this sub-title relating to systems constructed by the Commission shall apply to said extension. Any municipality whose system is acquired by the Commission, whether by purchase or condemnation, is hereby authorized to use the amount paid to it for said system for the purchase or redemption of any bonds or debt which may be outstanding against the same or the Commission may as a part of the purchase price of said system, assume the payment of any such outstanding bonds. The Commission shall not purchase any existing water mains, sewers or systems, in whole or in part, which are improperly constructed or are not of sufficient capacity or were constructed without proper authority from the State Department of Health since the passage of the law requiring the same.*

598. *After the passage of this sub-title, whenever the county or the property owners or residents of any locality in a District shall desire a water supply, sewerage or drainage system, or part thereof, to be constructed in that county or locality, and the Commission shall decide that it is inexpedient or impracticable at that time, owing to the remoteness from its general system or other causes, to build such system, such county or persons may build and operate said system at its or their own expense, but it shall be constructed under plans and specifications prepared by the Commission and under its supervision,*