

welfare and safety of the residents residing therein, then said Commission shall cause plats of such area to be made under the supervision of its chief engineer showing the proposed water and/or sewerage system, 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 "Cecil County Metropolitan Commission" in the office where the Land Records of Cecil County are kept, and upon the filing of said plat and the approval thereof by the County Commissioners of said County and the Commission, such sanitary district or districts 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 of 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 or districts, the County Commissioners shall furnish the Commission 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.

397. The Commission shall cause surveys, plans, specifications and estimates to be made for water supply, sewerage, sewage treatment and drainage systems in those portions of Cecil County in which the Commission exercises authority, and shall divide each sanitary district into water, sewerage and drainage districts in such way as shall, in its judgment, best serve the needs of the various communities, and shall promote convenience and economy in the installation and operation. Whenever, and as, such plans are completed, the Commission shall give notice by publication in one newspaper published within the County, for three weeks, and by handbills posted and circulated in the localities where said improvements are contemplated, and shall state in said notice the probable cost of the contemplated improvements, and shall further state therein that plans of the improvements may be inspected at the Commission's office or such other place in said County as the Commission may designate and that any person interested in said improvement will be heard by the Commission at a time to be specified in the notice, but not less than ten days after the first publication thereof. If [twenty-five] *fifty* residents and landowners in the sanitary district wherein the improvements are contemplated shall thereupon, and within ten days after the last of said publications of said notice, file a petition with the Commission protesting against the proposed improvement, the Commission shall grant them a hearing within fifteen days after such petition is filed in the office of the Commission and after not less than five days notice of the time and place of said hearing by advertisement published in one newspaper published within the County, and by personal notices addressed to any one or more persons whose names are signed to said petition. After due hearing as aforesaid, the Commission shall decide upon the reasonableness of the objections stated in the petition; and shall dispose of the same by written order concurred in by a majority of the Commissioners, which order shall be published in the same manner as herein required to be published and a copy of which shall be mailed to any one or more of the petitioners. If the petitioners are not satisfied with the Commission's decision, they shall have the right to take and enter, within ten days