

*(e) The governing body or governing bodies of the county or counties incorporating a District are hereby authorized and directed to advance to such District, from time to time, from the general funds of such county or counties such sum or sums of money as such governing body or governing bodies may deem necessary and advisable in order to meet the necessary operating and overhead expenses of such District and the Commission of such District, from the time of the creation of the District until necessary funds become available to such District for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title. All sums so advanced may be repaid to such county or counties from any charges levied by such District pursuant to Section 663 of this sub-title upon such terms as the governing body or governing bodies of such county or counties may specify at the time of making such advance or advances; provided, however, that such sums need not be repaid until such District may lawfully impose the charges authorized to be made by said Section 663 of this sub-title. The authority for advances granted by this sub-section shall be in addition to other advances authorized by this sub-title.*

650. (a) Each District created hereunder shall be deemed to be an instrumentality exercising public and essential governmental functions to provide for the public health and welfare and shall be for the purpose of acquiring, holding, constructing, reconstructing, repairing, improving, maintaining and operating, owning, leasing, either in the capacity of lessor or lessee, a project or projects within or partly within and partly without one or more of the county or counties by action of whose governing body or governing bodies the District was created.

(b) Each District is hereby granted and shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient for the carrying out the aforesaid purposes, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:

(1) To have *perpetual* existence [for a term of fifty years] as a corporation. All limitations on the duration of any existing corporation formed pursuant to this sub-title prior to June 1, 1961, whether resulting from a charter provision or from a law in force at the time of creation or formation of such corporation, are hereby annulled and repealed.

(2) To adopt by-laws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.

(3) To adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure.

(4) To maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate.

(5) To appoint officers, agents, employees and servants, to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation [.] as set forth in this sub-title.

(6) To sue and be sued.

(7) To acquire, purchase, hold, lease as lessee and use any franchise, property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of the District and to sell, lease as lessor, transfer and dispose of any property or interest therein at any time acquired by it.