

shall be a first lien against said property. *The sewer service charge shall be made on whatever reasonable basis the Commission selects and may be collected on an annual, semi-annual or quarterly basis. Neither the dates of collection nor the intervals between such dates need be uniform throughout a sanitary district. If any bill for such sewer service charge remains unpaid for sixty days after being sent by the Commission, it shall be collectible from the owner of the property served in the same manner as other debts are collectible in the county or counties in which the sanitary district or sanitary districts lie, and shall be a first lien against said property.*

664. The Commission is authorized and empowered to purchase or acquire by gift any existing water [.] or sewerage [or drainage] systems in or adjacent to [its District] a sanitary district which in its judgment are desirable or necessary for the purpose of providing adequate water or sewerage service or both for the residents of the area served by said District.

665. Whenever said Commission shall have extended [its] a District's water [supply] or sewerage system up to and is ready to connect with any municipally owned or privately owned water [supply] or sewerage system, and it deems it advisable and proper for the adequate operation of the system under the District's jurisdiction to take over the said water or sewerage system, it may purchase the same upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, but shall have no right of condemnation 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, or 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 (*subject to the provisions of Section 657 of this sub-title*), 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