

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.] *If, within ten days after the date of any such hearing, not less than twenty-five persons owning property which will be subject to tax, assessment or charge to pay the cost of any project considered at such hearing, shall file with the Commission a written petition protesting any such project and setting forth the reason or reasons for any such protest, then 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] members of the Commission, which order shall be published in the same manner as notices are herein required to be published and a copy of which shall be mailed to any one or more of the petitioners. If the petitioners, or any of them, are not satisfied with the Commission's decision they shall have the right to take and enter, within ten days after the last publication of said order as aforesaid, an appeal to the [governing body of said county who] County, which shall review the Commission's decision and decide as to the necessity and propriety of the [improvement] project contemplated and whether the District can stand the cost of the same [; if the petitioners are not satisfied with the governing body of said county's decision, they shall have ten days in which to file an appeal in writing in the Circuit Court of said County].* *If the County shall reject any such protest, then the petitioners making the same shall be deemed to have exhausted their administrative remedies. Within thirty days after any such decision of the County, any such petitioner or petitioners may file suit in the Circuit Court for Washington County against the County, the District or the Commission, or all of them, for such further remedies as may be available to such petitioner or petitioners at law or in equity, and such petitioner or petitioners shall be deemed to have standing to file any such suit notwithstanding the absence of any allegation of special damage. The Court may hear any such suit de novo or, in its discretion, without additional testimony, upon the written record made before the Commission and the County, which shall be certified to the Court, upon its order.* **THE FILING OF ANY PETITION, APPEAL OR SUIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION SHALL SERVE TO STAY ANY FURTHER ACTION BY THE DISTRICT ON ANY SUCH PROJECT UNTIL FINAL DETERMINATION OF ANY SUCH PROCEEDING.**

534. *General Obligation Bonds: Issue: Form Guarantee.*

(a) [For the purpose of providing funds for the design, construction, establishment, purchase or condemnation of water supply, sewerage and drainage systems in any of the sanitary districts, the Commission of any particular District is authorized and empowered to issue bonds, from time to time, upon the full faith and credit of the county in which said District is located, in such amounts as it may deem to be necessary to carry on its work, but at no time shall the total issue of bonds in any sanitary district for all purposes under this sub-title exceed twenty-five per centum of the total value of the property assessed for county taxation purposes within said sanitary district] *For the purpose of paying all or any part of the*