

County", subtitle "Metropolitan Commission", said new Section to be designated Section 132A, to follow immediately after Section 132 of the 1957 Edition of said Code, and to read as follows:

132A. Assessments in Aid of Construction.

In order to finance in part the construction of sewerage systems on a pay-as-you-go basis, the Commission may impose upon, and collect from, all properties in a subdistrict, at such time or times as they are connected to, or apply for a connection to, a sewerage system constructed or to be constructed by the Commission, an assessment to pay a portion of the cost of the facilities in such system, which serve or will serve all properties connected therewith, including sewage treatment plants, disposal fields, lagoons, pumping stations and interceptor sewers. Said assessment shall be known as an assessment in aid of construction and may be imposed to pay in part the cost of any of the above described facilities irrespective of whether they are located within or beyond the boundaries of a subdistrict or within or beyond the boundaries of Howard County. The Commission may adopt an assessment, uniform in amount as to all properties in a subdistrict, or it may adopt, and from time to time alter or amend, a variable assessment determined, as to each property in a subdistrict, on the basis of intensity of use or volume of sewage generated. In adopting any such system of variable assessments, the Commission shall first fix a basic measure of use, to be known as a sewage unit, shall then fix a uniform charge for such sewage unit, and shall determine the assessment for each property on the basis of one sewage unit or any multiple thereof, depending upon intensity or volume of use as aforesaid. An assessment in aid of construction shall be imposed only once with respect to each property and shall be collected by the Commission in a lump sum at the time above mentioned. All receipts from assessments in aid of construction shall be credited by the Commission to a special construction account established on its books and said receipts shall be used only for payments on account of the cost of the facilities above described or to liquidate bonds issued by the Commission for such purpose, to the end that the special benefit assessments and ad valorem taxes imposed and levied therefor pursuant to this subtitle may be correspondingly reduced; provided, however, that the imposition of any such assessments in aid of construction may be terminated by the Commission whenever, in its judgment, it shall determine that the burden of paying a portion of the cost of the facilities above described has been equitably distributed among all properties connected with such sewerage system.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved May 3, 1961.