

cast at said hearing are in favor of the establishment of said district or districts, then the area described in said survey shall be and become a district or districts for the service or services approved at said meeting. If twenty per cent (20%) of said owners of property lying within proposed district or districts are dissatisfied with the establishment of the district by the Commission after said hearing, they shall have the right to take and enter within ten (10) days after said Commission's decision is filed with the Clerk of the County Commissioners an appeal to the County Commissioners of Wicomico County.

515.

(a) Petition.—Whenever twenty (20) property owners residing in any locality in Wicomico County or if there are not twenty (20) property owners in such locality, then twenty-five per cent (25%) of the owners therein shall petition the Commission to have said locality (the boundaries whereof shall be definitely stated in said petition) constituted as a new district, the Commission, if it approves, shall cause to be made a preliminary engineering survey of the project to determine the feasibility and probable cost of providing such area with the urban service or services requested in said petition. The Commission shall prepare without cost to the petitioners a preliminary estimate to determine the approximate cost of providing such facilities. The Commission will also submit an estimate of the cost of making surveys and preparing a complete engineering and financial report which shall include the estimated assessed property valuation as fixed for County taxation purposes within the locality involved, which estimated assessed valuation shall be furnished to the Commission by the County Commissioners. Whenever such preliminary estimates are completed the Commission shall give notice by publication in one or more newspapers published within the County once a week for three (3) successive weeks and by handbills posted and circulated in the locality where said district is proposed, which notice shall specify the proposed district together with the time and place of the hearing to be held, at which hearing those present shall be given the probable cost of providing such area with the urban service or services requested in said petition as shown by the preliminary survey and the probable cost of the preparation of the complete engineering and financial report incident thereto. [If the estimated cost of the proposed facilities, including the cost of the engineering and financial report incident thereto together with the unamortized balance of the cost of all facilities previously installed by the Commission in the area involved shall exceed fifteen per cent (15%) of the assessed property value as fixed for county taxation purposes in said area or locality or if the project is not feasible from an engineering or financial standpoint, then the Commission may in its discretion deny the petition.] *The owners (eliminating mortgagees), and considering joint owners or owners in common as one person) of property lying within said proposed district or districts, shall have the right to vote for or against the establishment thereof, and for the purpose of such balloting, each owner shall be entitled to cast one vote for each \$500.00, or majority fraction thereof, of assessed valuation of his land, excluding the assessed valuation of all improvements thereon lying within said proposed district or districts, and if a majority of the votes cast at said hearing are in favor of the establishment of said district or districts and if the Commission shall find that the estimated cost of the proposed facilities, including the*