

District and is a public purpose and the District and the Commission will be performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the powers conferred by this Act. Accordingly, the District shall not be required to pay taxes or assessments upon any property acquired by it or under its jurisdiction, control, possession or supervision or upon its activities or upon any revenues therefrom and the property and the income derived therefrom shall be exempt from all state, county and local taxation.

21. Enlargement of and Withdrawal From District

(a) *The geographical area embraced within the District may be enlarged to include any additional county, or part thereof, upon such terms and conditions, consistent with the provisions of this subtitle, as may be agreed upon by the Commission and such additional county and in conformance with the following procedures. The governing body of the county desiring to be included in the District shall adopt an ordinance or resolution, as may be appropriate, specifying the area of the county to be included and a statement that a contract or agreement between the county and the Commission DISTRICT, specifying the terms and conditions of admittance to the District has been executed. The ordinance or resolution to which shall be attached a certified copy of said contract shall be filed with the Commission. Upon such filing the District shall thereupon be enlarged to embrace the county or the portion thereof specified in the contract.*

(b) *A county may withdraw from the District by resolution or ordinance, as may be appropriate, adopted by majority vote of the governing body thereof. The withdrawal of any county shall not be effective until the resolution or ordinance of withdrawal is filed with the Commission. The withdrawal from the District of any county shall not relieve such county from the obligation of any guarantee made by such county with respect to contracts, agreements, notes, certificate of indebtedness or other obligations of the District nor from the obligation to levy taxes and pay over to the District the proceeds therefrom for the purposes and in the manner set forth in Section 14 of this Act.*

22. Commission and District Are Not Municipalities

The term "municipal corporation" in Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland does not embrace or include the Commission or the District. The Commission and the District cannot be classified in any group of municipal corporations as required by said Article XI-E and that Article has no application to the Commission or to the District.

23. Act Liberally Construed

This Act, by necessity for the welfare of the State and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

24. Repeal of Inconsistent Laws

All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

25. Severability

If any part or parts, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance,