

in Howard County and creating a Metropolitan District and incorporating therein the Ellicott City Subdistrict, Elkridge Subdistrict, Guilford Subdistrict, Dorsey Subdistrict, and Patuxent Subdistricts created heretofore pursuant to the provisions of Section 127 herein and providing for the assumption by the Metropolitan District of the outstanding bonded indebtedness issued heretofore by the Subdistricts, and providing for the extension and enlargement of the Metropolitan District upon petition of the property owners in the locality to be added to the Metropolitan District, and requiring public hearings on proposed extensions of the Metropolitan District.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 125 (a), 127, 129, 130, 131, 132 (c), 132 (e), 134 (a), 137 and 138 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County," subtitle "Metropolitan Commission," as respectively last amended by Chapter 530 of the Acts of 1961, by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1963, by Chapter 745 of the Acts of 1961, by Chapter 773 of the Acts of 1961, by Chapter 825 of the Acts of 1963, by Chapter 746 of the Acts of 1961, and by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1963, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

125.

(a) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subtitle, the [Sanitary Districts] *Metropolitan District* created hereafter shall be under the jurisdiction of a Commission of four persons, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County, designated by said Board to serve; and the other three shall be appointed by said Board, and shall reside in Howard County, be resident taxpayers of said County and qualified voters thereof. The term of each of the three appointed members shall be six years or until their successors are appointed and have qualified, except that the first Commissioner named by said Board of County Commissioners shall serve for two years, the second for four years and the third for six years from the date of their appointments and as the term of each Commission expires, his successor shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County. Any vacancy in the personnel of the Commission shall be filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County and for the unexpired term in the case of an appointed member.

127.

*The Howard County Metropolitan District is hereby created and incorporated therein shall be the Ellicott City, Elkridge, Guilford, Dorsey, and Patuxent Subdistricts created heretofore pursuant to Chapter 991 of the Acts of 1943, as amended by Chapter 609 of the Acts of 1945 and by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1963, the boundaries whereof being recorded among the Land Records of Howard County as required. The Chief ENGINEER shall cause to be prepared a plat of the Metropolitan District as heretofore created and the same shall be recorded and copies of said plat shall be filed in the manner set forth hereinafter. Whenever thirty (30) property OWNERS or the majority of the property owners*