

in payment shall bear interest at the rate of one half of one per centum ($\frac{1}{2}\%$) per month from and after the time said benefit assessment or other charges are in default. The annual benefit assessment or other charges as above specified shall be a first lien upon the property against which they are assessed until paid, any statute of limitations to the contrary notwithstanding, subject only to prior State and county taxes, and if any property be sold for State and/or county taxes or both by the Treasurer of said county; and if after sale there is a surplus after all costs and expenses incident to such sale shall have been paid, then the said Commission upon proper petition to the Circuit Court for said county shall be allowed any balance from said surplus, and shall be preferred lienor to the extent of its lien; and for the purpose of giving notice to the general public as to existing liens and charges against any property within any sanitary district abutting upon any water or sewer main, the said Commission shall keep a public record of all names of owners of property, locations of said property, lot numbers when of record, and the amount of such benefit charges, water service charges or such other charges that may become liens from time to time. Said records shall be kept in the County Seat of government and among the land records of St. Mary's County, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said county shall furnish such space as may be necessary to keep and preserve such records, which, when recorded in said public record, shall be legal notice of all existing liens within any sanitary district. If any liens, benefit assessments or other charges remain unpaid for sixty (60) days after becoming overdue they may be collected by an action of assumpsit or by a bill in equity to enforce such liens, and any judgment or decree obtained, where the defendants have been served by subpoena, or in any other manner provided by law, shall have the force and effect of a judgment in personam; and the Commission may sue, or file a bill in equity to enforce said liens against the owner of record at the time said levy was made, or the owner of record at the time said suit is filed or any owner of record between said dates, and publication thereon shall be notice to all persons having any interest in said property.

165. Connections required.

The Commission shall provide for each and every property abutting upon a street or right-of-way in which under this subtitle a water main or sewer is laid, a water service pipe or sewer connection, which shall be extended as required, from the water main or sewer to the property line of the abutting lot, said service pipe or connection with sewer shall be constructed *either* by and at the sole expense of the Commission, but subject to reasonable charge for said connection as provided in Section 167 of this subtitle, which said charge shall be paid by all property owners at the office of the Commission before the actual connection with any pipe or private property is made *or by the property owner under such reasonable conditions and charges as are deemed appropriate by the Commission, the method of construction and payment to be determined by the Commission.* When any water main or sewer is declared by said Commission complete and ready for the delivery of water or the reception of sewage, every abutting property owner, after due notice, shall make a connection of all spigots or hydrants, toilets and waste drains with said water main or sewer within the time prescribed by the Commission.