

land, any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any municipality, private corporation, copartnership, association or individual or other district created under the provisions of this subtitle.

(b) (12) To make and enter into all contracts or agreements, as the commission may determine, which are necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and to the execution of the powers granted by this subtitle, including contracts with any federal agency or with any county, on such terms and conditions as the commission may approve, relating to (i) the use by such agency or by such county or the inhabitants thereof of any project acquired or constructed by the commission under this subtitle or the services therefrom or the facilities thereof, or (ii) the use by the district of the services or facilities of any water system, [or] sewerage system or solid waste disposal system or acceptance facility owned or operated other than by the district. Any such contract may provide for the collecting of fees, rates or charges for the services and facilities rendered to a county or to the inhabitants thereof by such county or by its agents or by the agents of the district, and for the enforcement of delinquent charges for such services and facilities. The provisions of any such contract and of any ordinance or resolution of the governing body of a county enacted pursuant thereto shall be deemed to be for the benefit of bondholders. The aggregate of any fees, rates or charges which shall be required to be collected pursuant to any such contract or any ordinance or resolution enacted thereunder shall be sufficient to pay all obligations which may be assumed by the other contracting party.

(b) (13) To enter upon and excavate any State, county or municipal street, road or alley, or any other public highway, for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the water [and] , sewerage and solid waste disposal systems or acceptance facilities provided for under this subtitle, and to construct in any such street, road, alley or public highway, a water main, sewer or any appurtenance thereof, without the receipt of a permit or the payment of a charge; provided, that whenever any State, county or municipal highway is to be disturbed the public authority having control thereof shall be duly notified; and provided further, that said highway shall be repaired and left by the district in the same condition as, or in a condition not inferior to, that existing before said highway was torn up, and that all costs incident thereto shall be borne by the district.

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(b) Whenever twenty-five property owners, and also, in Dorchester County 25% of the property owners, residing in any locality in a county, shall in writing petition the commission to have said locality (the boundaries whereof shall be definitely stated in said petition) constituted as a new sanitary district or added to an existing sanitary district to which such locality is contiguous, 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 utilities [,] or facilities, whether water, sewer, solid waste disposal or otherwise. If the commission disapproves of the project or is unable or unwilling to undertake or obtain such preliminary engineering survey, it shall