

of said system or systems, *or facility or facilities*, in part or as a whole, as in its judgment may appear advisable. The contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or the commission may reject any and all bids, and, if in its discretion the prices quoted are deemed unreasonable or unbalanced, it may readvertise the work or any part of it or may do any part or all of the work by day labor; provided that at any time the commission may, in its discretion, expend for construction work, including day labor, materials and equipment, an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) without advertising or receiving bids. All such contracts shall be protected by such bonds, penalties and conditions as the commission may require, all of which shall be enforced in any court having jurisdiction.

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For the purpose of providing funds for maintenance, repairing and operating its water [or] , sewerage *or solid waste disposal* systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including proper depreciation allowances, and for the repayment of advances authorized by Section 649 (e) of this subtitle and for interest on, and the retirement of bonds as specified in this subtitle, the commission is hereby empowered to make a ready-to-serve charge on water, *a charge for the operation of a solid waste disposal system*, a charge for the upkeep of sewers and a sewer service charge, all of such charges being chargeable against all properties *served by the solid waste disposal system* or having a connection with any water pipe or sewer pipe under its supervision or owned by the district. The ready-to-serve charge for water, *the charge for the operation of a solid waste disposal system*, charge for the upkeep on sewers and charge for sewer service shall be uniform throughout a sanitary district, subject to such changes from time to time as may be necessary. The charge for the upkeep on sewers shall be reasonable and collected annually in the same manner as benefit assessments are collected and shall be a first lien against all property having a connection with any sewer pipe under its supervision or owned by the district. The rates for water service shall consist of a minimum or ready-to-serve charge, which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall be based upon the amount of water passing through the meter during the period between the last two readings, said meter being required to be placed on each water connection by and at the sole expense of the commission. If the commission at any time shall not have meters available to install in all the properties in a given locality that are connected to the system, then a flat rate shall be charged all properties in which meters have not yet been installed, which rate shall be uniform in each sanitary district and based upon the amount of water used. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent quarterly or semiannually, as the commission may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the commission; and if any bill remains unpaid after thirty days from date of sending, the commission shall, after written notice left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off water from the property in question, and the water shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid, including a penalty of five dollars (\$5.00). If any bill shall remain unpaid for