

SUBTITLE.

[168. Collections.]

[All sums collected by the Commission for debt service charges levied against the property for water supply, sewerage or drainage construction shall be set aside as a separate fund to be known and designated as the Metropolitan District Account. The Commission, in order to determine the amount which it may deem necessary to be levied under Section 162, shall deduct such amount as the Commission may estimate that it will be able to collect out of the debt service charges theretofore levied by it but not yet paid, from the whole amount necessary to be raised in any one year for interest and principal payments on outstanding bonds, and the balance then remaining to be raised shall be the amount to be certified to the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for collection by taxation as provided in this subtitle.]

168. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE.

IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS AND PENALTIES CONTAINED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY DISCONTINUE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT OF ANY SERVICE, CONNECTION, INSPECTION, BENEFIT OR ANY OTHER CHARGE IF NOT PAID WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DUE DATE. A PENALTY OF \$10 IN ADDITION TO PAYMENT OF THE BILL SHALL BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE IS RESUMED.

[169. Service charges.]

[For the purpose of providing funds for maintenance, repairing and operating its water supply, sewerage or drainage systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including proper depreciation allowances, 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 and a charge for the upkeep of sewers chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe or sewer pipe under its supervision or ownership. The rate for both ready-to-serve and the charge for the upkeep on sewers shall be uniform throughout the sanitary district, subject to the changes that from time to time may be necessary. The Commission shall have the right to collect in advance of water or sewerage service a reasonable deposit. The charge for the upkeep on sewers shall be reasonable and payable in the same manner as debt service assessments and shall be a first lien against all property having a connection with any sewer pipe under its supervision or ownership. 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