

has acquired or is acquiring by purchase or by procedures other than the declaration of taking method one-half or more of the several takings needed for the construction project therein involved. As used in this section, water supply, sewerage or drainage project extension or construction includes any water main, sewer, drain or appurtenance of such main, sewer or drain, fire hydrants, reservoirs, water purification plant, tanks, pumping stations and sewage disposal plants. The declaration of taking shall contain a description of the land or interest in land being taken, shall name the commission as plaintiff and the owner or owners of the land or interests therein as defendants, as in the usual condemnation proceedings, and if the petition for condemnation is not on file or filed simultaneously therewith the declaration of taking shall be docketed as a law case by the clerk of the circuit court, the same as condemnation proceedings are docketed. Notice of and service on the owner or owners of the declaration of taking shall be accomplished in the same manner as is provided for petitions for condemnation. The declaration of taking shall identify the qualified appraiser and specify the estimated valuation required by subsection (a). The date of filing the declaration of taking, accompanied by the payment required hereunder, shall in any subsequent proceeding thereon be the operative date of such taking with respect to the determination of the fair value of the land or interest therein taken and damages, if any, occasioned by the taking.

2-2. Repealed by Acts 1977, ch. 287, § 1.

3-1. Surveys, etc., for water, sewerage and drainage systems.

As soon after organization as possible, [said] THE commission shall cause surveys, plans, specifications and estimates to be made for water supply, sewerage and drainage systems in those portions of the sanitary district in which, in its judgment, such systems, or any of them, are necessary, and shall divide such territory into water, sewerage or drainage districts in such a way as shall, in its judgment, best serve the needs of the various communities and shall promote convenience and economy of installation and operation; provided however, that on and after June 30, 1968 except as otherwise provided herein the commission shall restrict such drainage system activities relating to drainage systems and districts to Prince George's County and the City of Takoma Park.

That [said] THE commission may thereafter proceed with such construction in any of [said] THE districts as in its judgment it deems advisable, but that wherever such construction is upon the motion of the commission without petition or request from any party interested, [said] THE commission may give such reasonable notice as it deems advisable; provided that on and after June 30, 1968 except as otherwise provided herein, the above section insofar as it applies to the power and authority granted to the