

the Commission; providing for the payment of the bonds and the interest on the bonds by levy or taxes against assessable property within the Sanitary District; providing for the collection of water service charges; providing for the ratification and confirmation of any guarantee made by the County Council of Montgomery County and the County Council of Prince George's County, or the governing body for each county, respectively, as may be provided by law or instrument of Charter, of any water supply bonds of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District heretofore issued; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to the authorization for the issuance of certain bonds for the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, created by Chapter 122 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1918, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$19,000,000 which bonds shall be in addition to any bonds authorized to be issued under Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1918, or any amendments thereof, or under any other Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, and shall be fully registered bonds without coupons in a form that the Commission deems necessary or desirable, in such denomination or denominations as shall be determined by the Commission, and shall bear interest at such rate or rates annually as the Commission determines to be advantageous to the Sanitary District and otherwise in the public interest, payable semiannually, and shall be retired serially, the last bond to be retired not later than 40 years from the date of issue. The Commission may offer for sale and issue such bonds, from time to time, as its necessity requires. The bonds shall be executed and issued under the same provisions, limitations, and restrictions applicable to the bonds issued by the Commission under the provisions of Chapter 122 of 1918, as amended, except that the bonds may not be subject to the limitation in Chapter 122 of 1918, as amended, on the amount of bonds that may be issued and may not be included in computing the amount of bonds that may be issued under Chapter 122, as amended. The bonds shall be forever exempt from taxation by the State of Maryland and by the counties and municipalities in the State. The bonds shall be guaranteed, as to the payment of principal and interest, by the County Council of Montgomery County and the County Council of Prince George's County, or the governing body for each county, respectively, as may be provided by law or instrument of Charter, which guarantee shall be in the form and under the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 122 of 1918, or any amendment thereof or any section enacted in lieu thereof. The Commission, however, at its option may waive the guarantee of the counties prescribed in this Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the proceeds of the bonds authorized by Section 1 of this Act shall be used for the purpose of reconstructing, enlarging, increasing capacity, and augmenting the water supply of the area served by the Commission, including the construction or enlargement of any impounding reservoir, filter plant, filtered water storage structure, or pumping station, and all the necessary pipelines and accessories appurtenant thereto, and the construction of major supply lines and reinforcing mains.