

and City Council of Baltimore and located in Baltimore County.

d. To make and enter into any and all contracts, agreements and stipulations germane to the scope of their duties and powers under this Act.

e. To purchase or otherwise lawfully obtain the use of all machinery, tools, appliances and agencies which, in their opinion, may be needed in the performance of their duties under this Act.

f. To acquire by gift, purchase, arbitration, exchange, lease or other like methods of acquisition, or by condemnation, any land or property, public, quasi-public or private, situated in Baltimore County or any easements, interest, privilege or franchise therein, which may be required for any of the purposes of this Act; provided, however, that nothing in this Act shall authorize the County Commissioners of Baltimore County to condemn any part of the water system of Baltimore City or any sources of water supply owned by said city.

Section 2. Whenever fifty or more of the taxable inhabitants of Baltimore County shall, in writing, petition the County Commissioners of Baltimore County to install a water system or extend an existing water system into and through an area in Baltimore County, to be definitely described in said petition, the County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall thereupon determine whether the public health, welfare and convenience requires the construction or extension of a water system in and through the area described in said petition; and if, in their judgment, the public health and convenience does require the construction or the extension of a water system into and through said area they shall immediately appoint three capable and upright citizens of Baltimore County, not residing within the area to be served by the proposed new system or by the extension of an existing system into said area, and not owning property in said area, who shall be known as water examiners and who shall investigate and determine the probable cost of constructing and establishing such system, and the names of the property owners in the area to be served by the proposed water system and the amount to which each will be actually benefited or damaged thereby, and shall return such estimate and the probable cost, damage and benefits to said County Commissioners. The County Commissioners shall then assess the cost of constructing and establishing the proposed