

and expenses sustained by them in the performance of the work and praying judgment therefor with interest. The court shall have jurisdiction to enter judgment for the amount of such costs and expenses, with interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum until paid together with the costs of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court.

1937, ch. 437, sec. 26.

56. (Cooperation Between Districts.) The supervisors of any two or more districts organized under the provisions of this sub-title may cooperate with one another in the exercise of any or all powers conferred in this sub-title.

1937, ch. 437, sec. 27.

57. (State Agencies to Cooperate.) Agencies of this State which shall have jurisdiction over, or be charged with the administration of, any State-owned lands, and of any county, or other governmental sub-division of the State, which have jurisdiction over, or be charged with the administration of, any county-owned or other publicly owned lands, lying within the boundaries of any district organized hereunder, shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the supervisors of such districts in the effectuation of programs and operations undertaken by the supervisors under the provisions of this sub-title. The supervisors of such districts shall be given free access to enter and perform work under such publicly owned lands. The provisions of land-use regulations adopted pursuant to Section 53 of this Article shall have the force and effect of law over all such publicly owned lands, and shall be in all respects observed by the agencies administering such lands.

1937, ch. 437, sec. 28.

58. (Discontinuance of Districts.) At any time after five (5) years after the organization of a district under the provisions of this sub-title, any twenty-five (25) occupiers of land lying within the boundaries of such district may file a petition with the State soil conservation committee praying that the operations of the district be terminated and the existence of the district discontinued. The committee may conduct such public meetings and public hearings upon such petition as may be necessary to assist it in the consideration thereof. Within sixty (60) days after such a petition has been received by the committee it shall give due notice of the holding of a referendum, and shall supervise such referendum, and issue appropriate regulations governing the conduct thereof. All occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the district shall be eligible to vote in such referendum. Only such land occupiers shall be eligible to vote. No informalities in the conduct of such referendum or in any matters relating thereto shall invalidate said referendum or the result thereof if notice thereof shall have been given substantially as herein provided and said referendum shall have been fairly conducted.

The committee shall publish the result of such referendum and shall thereafter consider and determine whether the continued operation of the district within the defined boundaries is administratively practicable and feasible. If the committee shall determine that the continued operation of such district is administratively practicable and feasible, it shall record