

and shall appoint, discharge at pleasure and fix the compensation of a secretary-treasurer, a chief engineer and such engineering, legal, clerical and other personnel and help, as from time to time the Commission may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. The annual salary of each of said Commissioners shall be as follows: The chairman shall receive an annual salary of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), payable semi-annually; the other members shall receive an annual salary of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), payable semi-annually. The secretary-treasurer appointed by the Commission shall be the collector of all charges and assessments made by the Commission, and shall receive and account for all monies which shall be due and payable to said Commission from any source whatsoever. All monies deposited shall be protected by a depository bond, or by such other securities as may be approved by the said Commission. The secretary-treasurer shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the amount specified by said Commissioners with good and sufficient surety to be approved by said Commissioners, with the condition that if the above bounden secretary-treasurer shall well and faithfully execute his office and shall account to the said Commission for all the monies which he shall receive for account of the Commission, or be answerable for by law, then the said obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect. The said bond, when approved, shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit for Howard County; and the person so appointed, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take an oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, in form similar to that taken by collectors of taxes, except as to the title of the office. The Commission is hereby empowered to pay the premiums on all bonds. All checks issued by said Commission shall be countersigned by the chairman. The said Commission shall annually have its accounts audited by a certified public accountant, to be selected by said Commission, and paid by said Commission, and publish a full, true and itemized account, under oath, of its receipts and disbursements in a newspaper published in said County.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the members of said Commission shall be a body corporate, by the name of the "Howard County Metropolitan Commission" (referred to elsewhere in this Act as "the Commission") with the right to use a common seal, to sue and be sued, and to do any and all other corporate acts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act. Whenever it shall be deemed necessary by said Commission to take or acquire any land, structures or buildings, or any stream bed, waterway, water rights or water shed, either in fee or as an easement, within or outside of Howard