

amendments, and that a new section be and it is hereby added to said Article to be known as Section 495A and to follow immediately after Section 495 of said Article, and all to read as follows:

487 (b). The annual salary of each of said Commissioners shall be as follows: The Chairman shall receive a salary of **Twelve Hundred** *Fifteen Hundred* Dollars per year, payable monthly; each associate member of the Commission shall receive a salary of **Nine Hundred** *Twelve Hundred* Dollars per year, payable monthly.

495. Whenever fifteen property owners residing in any locality in Anne Arundel County outside of the boundaries of the Sanitary District shall in writing petition the Commission to have said locality, the boundaries whereof shall be definitely stated in said petition, constituted as a part of the whole Sanitary District, *for the purpose of providing water and/or sewerage facilities, then the Commission shall prepare without cost to the petitioners a preliminary estimate to determine the approximate cost of providing such facilities. The Commission will also submit an estimate of the cost of making surveys and preparing a complete engineering and financial report which shall include the estimated assessed property valuation as fixed for County taxation purposes, within the petitioned area, which estimated assessed valuation is to be furnished to the Commission by the County Commissioners. Whenever such preliminary estimates are completed, the Commission shall give notice by publication in one or more newspapers published within the County, and by handbills posted and circulated in the locality where said proposed facilities are contemplated, which notice shall specify the proposed area to be served, together with the time and place of a hearing to be held, at which hearing those present shall be given the probable cost of the proposed facilities in the area to be served, as shown by the preliminary survey, and of the probable cost of the preparation of the complete engineering and financial report incident thereto. If the estimated cost of the proposed facilities, including the cost of the engineering and financial report incident thereto, is estimated to exceed fourteen per centum of the assessed property value as fixed for County taxation purposes, within the petitioned area, or if the project is not feasible from an engineering or financial standpoint, then the Commission may, in its discretion, deny the petition. [* then if the Commission, in its discretion, shall deem it expedient to constitute said locality in accordance with the prayer of said petitioners, *]* *If the Commission, in its discretion, shall deem it advisable to constitute the locality, in ac-*