

or sewer, provided, said Commission shall classify said property and determine a front foot charge to be paid by said property owner as though his or her property abutted upon said water main or sewer; and in the event of such connection being made, said property owner and said property as to all charges, rates and benefits shall stand in every respect in the same position as if the said property abutted upon a water main or sewer. Said benefit charge shall be payable at the office of the Commission immediately upon being levied, and shall be overdue and in default after sixty (60) days from that day, at which time the Commission may proceed to enforce payment thereof; and the said benefit charge and any judgment or decree obtained as a result of default in payment shall bear interest at the rate of one-half of one percentum ($\frac{1}{2}\%$) per month from and after the time said benefit assessment or other charges are in default. The annual benefit assessment or other charges as above specified shall be a first lien upon the property against which they are assessed until paid, any statute of limitations to the contrary notwithstanding, subject only to prior State and county taxes, and if any property be sold for State and/or county taxes or both by the Treasurer of said county; and if after sale there is a surplus after all costs and expenses incident to such sale shall have been paid, then the said Commission upon proper petition to the Circuit Court for said county shall be allowed any balance from said surplus, and shall be preferred lienor to the extent of its lien; and for the purpose of giving notice to the general public as to existing liens and charges against any property within any sanitary district abutting upon any water or sewer main, the said Commission shall keep a public record of all names of owners of property, locations of said property, lot numbers when of record, and the amount of such benefit charges, water service charges or such other charges that may become liens from time to time. Said records shall be kept in the County Seat of government and among the land records of St. Mary's County, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said county shall furnish such space as may be necessary to keep and preserve such records, which, when recorded in said public record, shall be legal notice of all existing liens within any sanitary district. If any liens, benefit assessments or other charges remain unpaid for sixty (60) days after becoming [due], *overdue* they may be collected by an action of assumpsit or by a bill in equity to enforce such liens, and any judgment or decree obtained, where the defendants have been served by subpoena, or in any other manner provided by law, shall have the force and effect of a judgment in personam; and the Commission may sue, or file a bill in equity to enforce said liens against the owner of record at the time said levy was made, or the owner of record at the time said suit is filed or any owner of record between said dates, and publication thereon shall be notice to all persons having any interest in said property.

SEC. 22. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 344, ~~345~~, 347, 348 and 349 of Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Somerset County," subtitle "Revenue and Taxes," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

344.

The County Commissioners shall make their annual levy for State and county taxes [on or] before [the first Monday in] July 1 in each