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Whenever fifty persons owning property in a locality in Cecil County, or a majority of those persons, when there are less than fifty, shall in writing petition the [commission] Department to have said locality (the boundaries whereof shall be definitely stated in said petition) constituted as a new sanitary district, then if the [commission] Department in its discretion shall deem it expedient to constitute said locality as a sanitary district in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and if the county commissioners consent thereto, the [commission] Department shall cause plats of such locality to be made under the supervision of its chief engineer, showing the proposed water, sewerage or drainage systems, one copy of which plat shall be filed in the office of the [commission] Department, one in the office of the county commissioners and one in a plat book indexed "Cecil County [Metropolitan Commission] Department of Public Works," in the office where the land records of Cecil County are kept; and upon the filing of said plat and the approval of said locality by the county commissioners of said county and the [commission] Department, such sanitary district shown on said plat shall be, and the same is hereby designated and constituted for the purpose of this chapter to be a separate sanitary district, and shall be given by the [commission] Department a distinctive name and shall be subject to all the provisions of this subtitle, and the filing of said plat shall constitute legal notice to the public of such action of the [commission] Department. For the purpose of providing for the organization and preliminary expenses of any newly constituted sanitary district, the county commissioners shall furnish the [commission] Department, from time to time as necessary, such a sum or sums as shall be required to pay for such expenses, including any expenses that may be incurred for the preparation of preliminary plans and cost estimates for any sewerage, water supply or drainage project that the [commission] Department may contemplate constructing, which shall be repaid out of the first bond issue of the particular district.

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The [commission] Department shall cause surveys, plans, specifications and estimates to be made for water supply, sewerage, sewage treatment and drainage systems in those portions of Cecil County in which the [commission] Department exercises authority, and shall divide each sanitary district into water, sewerage and drainage districts in such way as shall, in its judgment, best serve the needs of the various communities, and shall promote convenience and economy in the installation and operation. Whenever, and as, such plans are completed, the [commission] Department shall give notice by publication in one newspaper published within the county, for three weeks, and by handbills posted and circulated in the localities where said improvements are contemplated, and shall state in said notice the probable cost of the contemplated improvements, and shall further state therein that plans of the improvements may be inspected at the [commission's] Department's office or such other place in said county as the [commission] Department may designate and that any person interested in said improvement will be heard by the [commission] Department at a time to be specified in the notice, but not less than ten days after the first publication thereof. If fifty residents and landowners in the sanitary district