



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 322

February Session, 2022



AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929 is
2 amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 No bonds, notes or other certificates of debt, except such as are to
4 mature in six months or less and to be paid from current taxes shall be
5 issued under authority of [this act] number 511 of the special acts of 1929
6 if such issue shall bring the total outstanding indebtedness of the district
7 to an amount in excess of five per centum of the combined grand lists of
8 said district unless otherwise provided by special act. The grand lists for
9 the purpose of this section shall be deemed to include the assessed value
10 of all shares of capital stock the taxes on which are required by section
11 1205 of the general statutes, revision of 1918, as amended to be remitted
12 annually to the towns and cities composing the district by the state. In
13 computing the total outstanding indebtedness of the district for the
14 purposes of this section, there shall be deducted the (1) amount of the
15 district's sinking fund, [the] (2) amount of bonds issued for the supply
16 of water or for the construction of subways or underground conduits
17 for cables, wires or pipes, [and] (3) principal amount of all such bonds
18 having been refunded or replaced by other indebtedness, provided the

19 proceeds and projected earnings from such bonds are held in escrow to
20 pay, and are sufficient to pay, the principal, interest and any redemption
21 premium until maturity or earlier planned redemption of such
22 indebtedness, and (4) the amount of such other bonds of the district as
23 may be issued under any act of the legislature. [, especially providing
24 that the bonds issued thereunder shall be deducted in computing the
25 total outstanding indebtedness of the district.]

26 Sec. 2. Section 49 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929, as
27 amended by section 4 of number 332 of the special acts of 1931, number
28 245 of the special acts of 1945 and section 3 of public act 15-114, is
29 amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

30 Said bureau shall be empowered to make use of the ground or soil
31 under any road, railroad, highway, street, private way, lane or alley
32 within this state, for the purpose of constructing the waterworks; but
33 shall in all cases cause the surface of such road, railroad, highway, street,
34 private way, lane or alley to be restored to its usual condition and all
35 damages done thereto to be repaired. The district board of said district
36 shall make ordinances prescribing the duties of the water bureau not
37 expressly prescribed in the charter of said district, its powers over the
38 water fund of said district and duties relative thereto, the officers of said
39 bureau and their compensation and their bonds and oaths of office, the
40 powers of said bureau over the waterworks of said district and the mode
41 in which all charges for water, including amounts guaranteed on new
42 mains, the cost of laying water mains in streets or highways and the cost
43 of laying or replacing service pipes upon public or private property shall
44 be collected by assessment upon the lands and buildings benefited
45 thereby or otherwise and secured by lien on lots, houses or tenements
46 or otherwise. [; also relative to the number of said bureau to constitute
47 a quorum. Rates for water shall be uniform throughout the district] Any
48 rates or charges, if not paid when due, shall constitute a lien upon the
49 premises served and a charge against the owner thereof. Such lien shall
50 take precedence over all other liens or encumbrances except taxes due
51 to the state and town, and such lien may be foreclosed in the name of

52 The Metropolitan District in the same manner as if the lien were a
 53 mortgage on such property in favor of said district, to secure the amount
 54 of such costs, charges or assessments. [, and a] A certificate [of] to perfect
 55 such lien, signed by the district clerk or other authorized representative
 56 of the water bureau of said district, describing the property on which
 57 the same exists and the amount thereof shall be filed with the town clerk
 58 of the town wherein such lien accrued [, but no such lien shall attach
 59 unless such certificate, signed by the executive secretary or other
 60 authorized representative of the water bureau of said district, describing
 61 the property on which the lien exists and the amount to be claimed by
 62 said district as a lien thereon, shall be filed with such town clerk within
 63 two years after the assessment or charge shall have become payable] not
 64 later than two years after such assessment or charge became payable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	Number 511 of the special acts of 1929, Sec. 19
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Number 511 of the special acts of 1929, Sec. 49

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*