

**JOINT WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM**  
**Act 82 of 1955**

AN ACT to provide for the acquirement by a city of the water supply system and/or sewage disposal system of a metropolitan district and to permit such a city to own, maintain, operate, improve, enlarge and extend such system or systems either within or without its limits, and to provide for the transfer to such city of the rights, obligations, property and functions of the metropolitan district.

**History:** 1955, Act 82, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1955.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**123.351 Definitions.**

Sec. 1. The words "water supply system and/or sewage disposal system" as herein used shall include either or both of such systems or a combined water supply and sewage disposal system.

The term "water supply system" shall include all plants, works, instrumentalities and properties used or useful in connection with obtaining a water supply, the treatment of water and/or the distribution of water.

The term "sewage disposal system" shall include all sanitary sewers, combined sanitary and storm sewers, plants, works, instrumentalities and properties used or useful in connection with the collection, treatment and/or disposal of sewage and/or industrial wastes.

**History:** 1955, Act 82, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1955.

**123.352 Purchase of water supply system and/or sewage disposal system by city from adjoining metropolitan district; contract, approval.**

Sec. 2. Where any part of a city adjoins or is included in a metropolitan district organized under the provisions of Act No. 312 of the Public Acts of 1929, as amended, being sections 119.1 to 119.15, inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of 1948, such city may acquire by purchase the water supply system and/or sewage disposal system owned by such metropolitan district, and may own, maintain and operate the same either separately or as a part of its own water supply system and/or sewage disposal system, and may improve, enlarge and extend the same. Any such metropolitan district is hereby empowered to sell its water supply system and/or sewage disposal system in accordance with the terms of this act. In the event that there are outstanding any bonds pledging the revenues of such metropolitan district system or systems, the city may assume the obligations of the metropolitan district on said bonds as a part or complete payment of the purchase price. The purchase agreement shall be evidenced by a contract between the city and metropolitan district, which contract shall be approved by a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of 3/5 of the members elect of the respective governing bodies of such city and metropolitan district. Such a contract shall contain those provisions which the parties thereto shall deem necessary to properly effect such sale and purchase and to define the rights and obligations of the parties. No such contract shall be entered into unless the disposal of the system or systems shall have been authorized by 3/5 of the electors of the metropolitan district voting thereon at a regular or special election and unless the acquirement of the system or systems shall have been authorized by 3/5 of the electors of the city voting thereon at a regular or special city election. Such an authorization shall be valid for the purpose of this act if made at an election held after the effective date of this act or within 1 year prior thereto. The foregoing requirements as to authorization by the electors shall supersede any charter requirements in that respect.

**History:** 1955, Act 82, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1955.

**123.353 Succession of rights, obligations and property; contract.**

Sec. 3. Any city acquiring a water supply system under the terms hereof shall succeed to all the rights, obligations and property of the metropolitan district, respecting or connected with such system or with the functions of supplying water, unless the purchase contract shall otherwise provide. Any city acquiring a sewage disposal system under the terms hereof shall succeed to all the rights, obligations and property of the metropolitan district, respecting or connected with such system or with the functions of supplying sewage disposal, unless the purchase contract shall otherwise provide. Any city acquiring both a water supply system and a sewage disposal system, or a combined water supply and sewage disposal system, under the terms hereof, shall succeed to all the rights, obligations and property of the metropolitan district, respecting or connected with such system or with the functions of supplying water and sewage disposal, unless the purchase contract shall otherwise provide. The said rights, obligations and property shall include the right to transact a local business and the right to lay, maintain and operate water mains and/or sewers in the public highways, to the extent that such rights have been granted to the metropolitan district by any city, village or township.

**History:** 1955, Act 82, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1955.

**123.354 Services; continuance, extension.**

Sec. 4. Any city acquiring a water supply system shall have the right to supply water, any city acquiring a sewage disposal system shall have the right to supply sewage disposal, and any city acquiring a combined water supply and sewage disposal system, shall have the right to supply water and sewage disposal, to the same area to which the metropolitan district had the right to furnish such services on the effective date of the purchase contract, and for the purpose of furnishing such services such city may improve, enlarge, extend, maintain and operate such system or systems within and/or without its corporate limits: Provided, That the city shall comply with any constitutional requirements in respect to the exercise outside its boundaries of any such rights which shall not have been constitutionally transferred to it pursuant to this act.

**History:** 1955, Act 82, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1955.

**123.355 Readjustment of service rates; adoption of ordinances, property outside limits.**

Sec. 5. A city so acquiring such a system may readjust the service rates provided the same do not impair the obligation of any bond contract. The legislative body of a city may, subject to constitutional and statutory limitations, adopt such ordinances and resolutions as may be necessary for the care, protection, preservation, management and control of any system acquired pursuant to this act, including that portion outside its city limits.

**History:** 1955, Act 82, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1955.

**123.356 Construction of act.**

Sec. 6. This act and any contract entered into pursuant thereto shall be liberally construed by the courts. The provisions of this act shall be construed as an additional grant of power to that prescribed by other statutory provisions or by any charter provisions.

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