

Authority to change grade. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the purpose of doing away with the present grade crossing of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad at or near Winans' Station on said railroad in the Thirteenth District of Baltimore County by a public road of said county, commonly known as the "Washington Turnpike Road," the County Commissioners of Baltimore County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to change the grade of said public road at and near the place in question to such an extent as may be necessary to carry such public road over said railroad at the present place of crossing by an overhead crossing, and also to provide for the construction and maintenance of such bridge or bridges as may be necessary thereto; and to close temporarily such portion of said existing public road as may be necessary to enable the purposes of this Act to be carried out.

Empowered to make contracts. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Baltimore County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make a contract with the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company for doing the work necessary for such change of grade in said public road, including the construction of the bridge or bridges made necessary thereby, upon the approval by said County Commissioners of plans, specifications and estimates therefor, submitted to them by said company, which plans, specifications and estimates shall provide for reasonably convenient access to said public road on the part of adjoining property holders, where the same can be provided without reasonably interfering with the accomplishments of the purposes of this Act.

Division of cost. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Baltimore County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to determine how much, if any, of the cost of the work made necessary by such change of grade of said public road, and how much, if any, of the cost of construction and the cost of maintenance of the bridge or bridges herein mentioned, shall be borne by said county, and how much of the same, in each instance, shall be borne by said railroad company.

Claims of property holders. SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That in order that any claim or claims of adjoining property holders may be fairly dealt with, that the said County Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered upon presentation to them of any such claim or claims after such reasonable notice as they may fix, to the claimant or claimants and all other parties interested in such