

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF MARYLAND**

Acts of 1967 to be submitted to the voters for ratification or rejection at the General Election to be held in November 1968.

CHAPTER 245

(House Bill 422)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," by adding new Section 40D thereto, to follow immediately after Section 40C thereof, providing for an optional procedure for the acquisition of land and interest in land by the Board of County Commissioners for Prince George's County for the construction or extension of county roads and streets, providing for a contingency by which this amendment may be void and of no further effect and providing for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, (Three-fifths of all the Members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following new Section 40D be and it is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," to follow immediately after Section 40C thereof; if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland.

40D.

The General Assembly shall enact no law authorizing private property to be taken for public use without just compensation, to be agreed upon between the parties or awarded by a jury, being first paid or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation, except that where such property, located in Prince George's County, is in the judgment of the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County needed for the construction or extension of county roads and streets. The General Assembly may provide that such property, except a building occupied as a dwelling, may be taken immediately upon payment therefor by the condemning authority to the owner or owners thereof or into the Court to the use of the person or persons