

be taken to the Court of Appeals, provided such appeal be taken within ten days after such decision shall be made, and the Court of Appeals may award costs to either party in its discretion.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. In force.

Approved February 11, 1876.

CHAPTER 20.

AN ACT to empower the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to purchase, lease or condemn, lands for public parks or squares within the limits of said city.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract for, purchase, lease, and hold, in fee simple, or for any term or terms of years, renewable in perpetuity or otherwise, any lands and their appurtenances, within the limits of the city of Baltimore, to be appropriated and used for the purpose of a public park or square, or public parks or squares, whenever, in their opinion, the public welfare, health or convenience may require the same; provided that in all cases when purchases or leases are made for the purposes aforesaid, that the provisions of section seven of article eleven, of the constitution of the State are first complied with, so far as they may apply.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if the said Mayor and City Council cannot agree with the owner or owners of any land, or of any interest in the same, they may deem it expedient to acquire and hold for the purposes of a park or square, or parks or squares, then in such event, or if the owner thereof, or any

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