

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the said commission hereby created shall be the agent of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire by gift, purchase, lease, whatever the duration of the lease, or by other methods of acquisition, or by condemnation, any private property whatsoever, including streets, avenues, lanes and alleys, rights or interests, franchises, privileges or easement, that may be required to open, widen, extend, straighten, close, grade or pave any street, avenue, lane or alley, or to broaden any sidewalk; and as soon as the title to the property acquired as set forth herein has been certified by the City Solicitor, said commission shall have the same conveyed to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and no ordinance shall be requisite to the validity of such conveyance; said streets, avenues, lanes and alleys so conveyed shall become public highways, subject to all ordinances and resolutions relating to streets, avenues, lanes and alleys in the City of Baltimore. That authority is hereby conferred upon the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to provide by ordinance or ordinances the proceedings for condemnation of property as herein set forth by the said commission.

Commission to act as agent for municipality.

Authority conferred.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That no money shall be expended by said commission to pay for the improvement of sidewalks in the said Annex, but same shall be done at the expense of the owner or owners of property along and upon the streets, avenues or lanes said sidewalks are to be placed; authority is hereby given said commission to assess said property for the cost and expenses of said sidewalks, and to collect the same as now prescribed by law or ordinances.

Abutting property owners liable.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That said commission is hereby authorized and empowered to contract with any person, persons, company or corporation for the work of opening, grading, curbing and paving the streets, avenues, lanes and alleys of the Annex as intended by this Act, or to employ the necessary laborers, help and assistants, skilled and unskilled, and perform the work under their own supervision. The costs and expenses of said work and all necessary expense of this commission to be paid out of the loan as provided in Section 1 of this Act, upon vouchers, approved by the said commission or its chairman, and presented to the Comptroller and City Register of the City of Baltimore.

Authorized to enter into contracts.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall prescribe by ordinance the methods and proceedings for the sewerage and drainage of said Annex and

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