

in accordance with the provisions of said act, and said issue having been approved by a majority of the qualified voters of said town; and whereas the said Mayor and Commissioners are anxious to provide a water system for said town in accordance with the spirit and provision of said act; and whereas it has been found necessary in order to provide a complete supply of pure water for said town, it will be necessary to purchase or condemn a water line through a portion of Allegany county as well as Garrett county;

AND WHEREAS, It has been found that the aforesaid Act of Assembly and the original charter incorporating the said Town of Westernport fail to give the said Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Westernport the authority to so purchase said right of way, or failing to agree with the owners of the property through which said proposed water line should run, the right to condemn said right of way;

*Now, therefore, be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Westernport in Allegany county shall have full power and authority to contract with any corporate body, individuals or other persons in order to establish a complete system of water works for the Town of Westernport, and shall have power to regulate the erection and management of the same, by passing ordinances pertaining thereto, and also to grant by ordinances or otherwise the right to lay conduits or water mains through the streets of said town, or may contract for such service themselves. And authority is hereby given said Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport to condemn any land, earth or stone or any interest therein, either in Allegany or Garrett counties, if they are not able to agree with the owners for such rights of way, if the same should become necessary for the erection of the aforesaid water system; and the Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport in Allegany county shall have all the right and authority as set out in Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland from sections 397 to 404 inclusive, and to contract for and condemn land of sufficient width for the placing of conduits or water pipes and land for reservoirs for the use of said water system, and they shall have power to pass all such ordinances as may be necessary into effect this provision.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 27, 1912.