

*concurring*), That the following new section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article 3, title "Legislative Department" of the Constitution of this State, the same to be inserted after section 40 and to be numbered 40A, and if adopted by the legally qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, said section shall become a part of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland.

40A. 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, but where such property is situated in Baltimore City and is desired by this State or by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the General Assembly may provide for the appointment of appraisers by a Court of Record to value such property, and that, upon payment of the amount of such valuation to the party entitled to compensation, or into Court and securing the payment of any further sum that may be awarded by a jury, such property may be taken.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said foregoing section, hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, shall at the next ensuing general election, to be held on Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, 1913, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved April 8, 1912.

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#### CHAPTER 403.

AN ACT to repeal section 15 of Chapter 689 of the Acts of 1892, title "An Act to incorporate the Town of Preston, in Caroline county," as amended in Chapter 293 of the Acts of 1906, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section 15 of Chapter 689 of the Acts of Assembly