

award damages and exercise the right of eminent domain as provided in Section 112 of this Article. The cost of construction or maintenance of any ditches or drains as provided in this section shall be paid by the party instituting the action. Any party feeling aggrieved by a decision of the Drain Commissioners may appeal to the Circuit Court of the county as provided in Section 129 of this Article. This section shall not apply where the landowner adjacent to the road is benefitted more than the amount of damages awarded and the party instituting this action desires that the landowner pay his proportion of the costs. In the latter event the party instituting the action will be considered the same as any freeholder under the provisions of this sub-title.

1920, ch. 507, sec. 81AY.

134. The provisions of sections 111-133 relating to draining lands shall apply to all lands requiring drainage in the State.

1920, ch. 507, sec. 81AZ.

135. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of sections 111-134, be and the same are hereby repealed, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal existing sections of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "County Commissioners," sub-title "Draining Lands," as added to by Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1912, nor to make void or invalid any of the proceedings taken or drains established thereunder which said drains and ditches and the proceedings establishing the same are hereby adopted and legalized and they are to be continued and operate as if established under said sections 111-134.

Meridian Line.

An. Code, sec. 82. 1904, sec. 81. 1888, sec. 77. 1870, ch. 359, sec. 1.

136. It shall be lawful for the county commissioners of each county in the State, if they shall deem it expedient, to cause to be erected at some public spot adjacent to the court house of each county two good and substantial stone pillars, one hundred feet distant apart, the one from the other, and upon the same true meridian line. And upon the summit of one of the said pillars there shall be placed a distinctly visible needle-point; and upon the summit of the other there shall be erected a hair-sight, in such a manner that a straight line passing through the centre thereof and continued until the same shall strike the centre of the needle-point upon the other, shall be in and upon the line of the true meridian running north and south, and they shall enclose and protect the same properly; the said pillars and enclosures to be subject to the custody of the county clerk, to be free to the access of any surveyor of lands or civil engineer residing in said county, or engaged in surveying therein, for the purpose of testing the variation of the compass for the time being, and to cause the said meridian line to be verified at any time when required so to do by order of the circuit court for the said county; and furthermore, it shall be lawful for the said county commissioners to cause to be determined the accurate latitude and longi-