

RAILWAY EASEMENTS IN ANNEX.

1906, ch. 566, sec. 1.

800A. In the event that the existing street railway franchises, easements, interests or rights of the United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore in any of the roads within the limits of that part of Baltimore City known as the Annex as to which roads the said Street Railway Company is not legally liable to the payment of the park tax hereinafter mentioned or in any part or parts of said roads or any of them, shall in any manner, be acquired by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore pursuant to the authority conferred upon it by Chapter 274 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland for the year 1904 and ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore No. 216, approved March 11, 1905, or by any other laws or ordinances relating to the powers and duties of the Commissioners for Opening Streets under said Acts, and application or applications shall afterwards be made by the United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore, to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, subject to the provisions of Sections 7-12, both inclusive, and Section 37 of Article 4, entitled "City of Baltimore," of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, for the franchise or right to use the beds of said roads, or any of them, for its railway lines, and the ordinance or ordinances, making said application, or applications, shall be duly passed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, then with the consent of the Board of Estimates, expressed in said ordinance or ordinances, the park tax of nine per centum upon the gross receipts of passenger street railway companies in the City of Baltimore, now prescribed and regulated by Sections 797-800, both inclusive, of Article 4, entitled "City of Baltimore," of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, shall as to the bed or beds of the public highway or highways covered by said ordinance or ordinances, and for the period of eleven years accounting from the date, or respective dates of passage of said ordinance or ordinances, be payable and paid by the said United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore, its successors and assigns, to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as follows: For the first three years of said period of eleven years the gross receipts of said company from its lines on the bed or beds of the public highway or highways covered by said ordinance or ordinances, shall be exempt from said park tax as at present, for the fourth year of said period of eleven years they shall be subject to said park tax at the rate of one per centum, for the fifth year to said park tax at the rate of two per centum, for the sixth year to said park tax at the rate of three per centum, for the seventh year to said park tax at the rate of four per centum, for the eighth year to said park tax at the rate of five per centum, for the ninth year to said park tax at the rate of six per centum, for the tenth year to said park tax at the rate of seven per centum, for the eleventh year to said park tax at the rate of eight per centum, and thereafter to said park tax at the general rate of nine per centum each year, as now prescribed and regulated as aforesaid by Sections 797-800,