

obstructions in, over or under the public lanes, alleys, avenues, streets or highways of the City of Baltimore, which shall block or impede the progress of the work of said Commission when under way, shall upon reasonable notice from said Commission, promptly so shift, adjust, accommodate or remove the same, at their own cost and expense, as to fully meet the exigencies occasioning such notice; and if any individual or corporation shall refuse, neglect or fail, after such reasonable notice, to discharge any duty cast upon him or it by this section, he or it shall, in addition, but not in substitution for any other remedy or remedies that said Commission or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may have in the premises, be subject to a fine of one hundred (\$100) dollars for each and every such offense, and also to an additional fine of fifty (\$50) dollars a day for every day that said refusal, neglect or failure shall continue, said fines to be collected as other fines in the City of Baltimore are collected, and should the exigencies of said Commission and its work in any cause involve a taking, in the constitutional sense, of the franchise or right, in the exercise of which such obstruction had its origin, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be empowered to secure the condemnation of such franchise or right in the manner provided for in Section 3 of this Act.

1906, ch. 401. sec. 5.

**841Y.** All work done, or supplies or materials purchased, in carrying out the purposes of this Act, when involving an expenditure of five hundred (\$500) dollars or more, shall be by contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Article 4 (entitled "City of Baltimore") of the Public Local Laws of Maryland; provided, however, that said Commission shall be empowered, if it see fit, to insert in the specifications for any such work reasonable and lawful conditions as to hours of labor, wages and the residence or character of workmen to be employed by the contractors, and especially so far as it may be practicable in the judgment of said Commission, such reasonable and lawful conditions as will tend to confine employment on such work, in whole or in part, to permanent and bona fide residents of the State of Maryland only; and provided, however, also, that said Commission with the consent of all its members may itself do any part or parts of any such work, under such conditions in every respect as it may prescribe, by day labor, whenever the Chief Engineer in writing shall recommend that course; provided, however, that in that event said Commission shall among its other powers in the premises, be empowered to devise, publish and enforce such rules and regulations as will make merit and personal fitness, ascertained by some system of open competition or registration, or both, the sole tests of eligibility for all positions or employments under its control, which it may see fit to embrace within the scope of said rules and regulations, which, however, may be limited to permanent and bona fide residents of this State in any particular. Any and all bids or parts of bids for any such work or supplies or materials may be rejected.