

1914, ch. 465, sec. 3. B. Co. C. (1916), sec. 519. 1928, sec. 609.

609. When the word or words or descriptive phrase "Board," "Commissioners" or "County Commissioners" are used in this Act, such phrase, word or words shall be construed and taken to mean and refer to the Board of County Commissioners of Baltimore County.

1914, ch. 465, sec. 4. B. Co. C. (1916), sec. 520. 1928, sec. 610.

610. All Acts and parts of Acts, laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

1902, ch. 368. B. Co. C. (1908), sec. 364. 1914, ch. 465, sec. 363.
B. Co. C. (1916), sec. 521. 1928, sec. 611.

611. No franchise or right in relation to any highway, avenue, street, lane or alley, either on, above or below the surface of the same, shall be granted by the County Commissioners of Baltimore County until the following provisions shall be complied with: (1) The application for such franchise or right shall be published by the applicant once a week for three successive weeks in two newspapers published in Baltimore County and having general circulation, setting forth the location, character and extent of the franchise sought; (2) upon the first publication of said notice it shall be the duty of the said County Commissioners to make diligent inquiry as to the money value of the franchise or right asked to be granted, and the adequacy of the compensation proposed to be paid therefor; (3) if any objection is made to the granting of the franchise asked by any person or persons interested therein, either as taxpayers or having property rights involved, and filed in writing with the secretary to the Board before the expiration of said notice, opportunity shall be granted and a time set for the hearing of such objections.

Con. Gas Co. v. Balto. Co., 99 Md. 403.

1902, ch. 368. B. Co. C. (1908), sec. 365. 1916, sec. 522. 1928, sec. 612.

612. If no valid objection is made to the granting of such franchise and it appears to the said Board that the granting of the same is expedient and proper, the said Board shall have authority to grant such franchise for such money compensation as it shall upon inquiry determine proper and as may be prescribed by said Board for a period not longer than twenty-five years, but such grant may, at the option of the said Board, provide for giving the grantee the right, on a fair revaluation, including in such revaluation the value, if any, derived from the said franchise or right, to renewals not exceeding in the aggregate twenty-five years. Every grant of any such franchise or right shall make provisions, by way of forfeiture or otherwise of the grant, for the purpose of compelling compliance with the terms thereof and to secure efficiency of public service at reasonable rates and the maintenance of the property in good condition throughout the full term of the grant. The grant shall also specify the mode of determining the valuation and revaluation which may be provided for therein and the time limitation in which there shall