

The amount of damages to be paid shall be determined by three appraisers, residents of the county in which the property is located, appointed by the Circuit Court of the county. The proceedings for the ascertainment of damages shall be in accordance with the general road laws of the State for the ascertainment of damages for the taking, injuring or destruction of property in the laying out and opening of public roads.

1939, ch. 628, sec. 34.

**34.** Where the engineer or surveyor or his representatives entering on private property for the purposes stated in Section 32 of this Article, shall tender damages to owner of said property and said proffer is not accepted, and the amount of damages determined according to procedure stated in Section 33 of this Article, shall not exceed amount of damages so proffered, then all costs in the matter shall be borne by the owner of the property, otherwise the cost shall be assessed against the party entering.

1939, ch. 628, sec. 35.

**35.** If any person shall wilfully injure, deface or destroy the mark or monument at any survey station established by or under the direction of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, or the State department administering the Maryland Coordinate System, or by any other organization whose survey stations have been established by or in accordance with the requirements of the State department authorized to administer the Maryland Coordinate System, or by any other State, Municipal or County agency, or shall offer any obstacles to the proper, reasonable, and legal use of any such station, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars for each offense and costs, or shall be imprisoned for a term of not less than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

#### **Bureau of Control Surveys and Maps.**

1939, ch. 628, sec. 36.

**36.** That a Bureau of Control Surveys and Maps be established in the Department of Public Works whose functions will be to administer the laws relating to the Maryland Coordinate System; to extend this system in Maryland and to take over the duties of the present Maryland Mapping Agency and extend its activities.

1939, ch. 628, sec. 37.

**37.** The activities of the Bureau of Control Surveys and Maps shall be determined by an Advisory Board, consisting of the Chief Engineer of the State Roads Commission of Maryland, the Chairman of the State Planning Commission and the Dean of the College of Engineering of the University of Maryland. The members of this Board shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be reimbursed for their necessary traveling expenses.

1939, ch. 628, sec. 38.

**38.** The Advisory Board of the Bureau of Control Surveys and Maps shall determine the best location for the establishment of the office of this Bureau.