

CHAPTER 143.

AN ACT to repeal the act passed at the January session of the General Assembly of Maryland, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter twenty, entitled "An act to empower the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to purchase, lease or condemn lands for public parks or squares within the limits of said city," and to revise and amend section eight hundred and thirty-seven of the Public Local Laws, article four, City of Baltimore, and to make valid proceedings had for the condemnation of ground for a public square.

Preamble Whereas grave doubts have been expressed as to the constitutionality of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter twenty, entitled "An act to empower the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to purchase, lease or condemn lands for public parks or squares within the limits of said city;" and whereas, in the event of proceedings being had under said act, the title to lands would be affected by litigation based on the alleged invalidity of said act; wherefore, to avoid the possibility of any such result:

Repealed. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said act of the session of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter twenty, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Revived. SEC 2. *And be it enacted,* That section eight hundred and thirty-seven of article four of the Public Local Laws, entitled "City of Baltimore," be and the same is hereby revived and amended so as to read as follows:

Lay out, extend, &c. SEC. 837. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power to provide for laying out, opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing up, in whole or in part, any street, square, lane