

384. The Mayor and City Council is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase or condemnation proceedings or to sell and transfer any real estate, other than utilities, on terms pre-arranged and agreed upon with the purchaser or lessee providing the assent shall first be had and obtained of a majority of the legal voters casting ballots at a general or special election held for that purpose after twenty days' public notice in two newspapers, if so many be published in said City, published at least once a week for three successive weeks prior to such election.

385. The Mayor and City Council shall have authority to rent or lease any property belonging to the City for a non-renewable term of fifty years or less without the consent of a majority of the voters first being had and obtained.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 26, 1947.

CHAPTER 71.

(House Bill 171)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 72 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Tax Sales", relating to the definition of the word "Collector", in so far as it applies to Baltimore City, when used in the aforementioned sub-title.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 72 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Tax Sales", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

72. (Definitions.) When used in this sub-title "Collector" means the County official whose duty it is to collect all taxes of the State of Maryland levied or to be levied for any year on real property in the county for which he is elected or appointed, and in Baltimore City the Collector or Treasurer appointed by the Mayor of the City of Baltimore in the manner prescribed by the Charter of said City, and the Deputy Collector or Deputy Treasurer of said City during any sick-