

in cases of appeal from judgment of Justice of the Peace; provided, nevertheless, that the Board of Commissioners may decline to open, lay out, extend, widen, grade or straighten any street, alley or highway, or any square, waterway or drain, notwithstanding the decision of said Court; but in case of refusal to do so, they shall be liable for all costs incurred, and shall pay the same. All benefits assessed by virtue of the above provisions shall be liens on the respective lots or parcels of ground on which they are assessed, from the time of the final ratification of the aforesaid return, and shall be collected as taxes are collected, or may be collected by action at law. On appeal, the Court or jury may alter the award so returned, whether of damages or benefits, and award costs in its discretion.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 631.

(Senate Bill 261)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 18 of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Marriages", to provide for the copying and preservation of reports of marriages and divorces.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 18 of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Marriages," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

18. It shall be the duty of the several Clerks of Court to transmit monthly to the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health, on forms to be supplied by the said Bureau, a report of each marriage and of each divorce which has been recorded during the month.

It shall be the further duty of the several Clerks of Court to transmit monthly to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, of the State Department of Health, upon