

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 25 – County Commissioners

11A.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the county commissioners of every county may:

(i) Acquire by purchase, gift, devise, bequest, condemnation, or otherwise, any property, or any interest therein, of any kind needed for any public purpose;

(ii) Erect buildings thereon for the benefit of the county; and

(iii) Sell at public sale any property when no longer needed for public use.

(2) Property may not be sold until it has been advertised for at least 20 days prior to the date of sale.

(b) (1) The provisions of this subsection prevail over those of (a) to the extent of any inconsistency.

(2) (i) The provisions of this paragraph apply only to:

1. Carroll County,

2. Charles County,

3. Frederick County, [and]

4. Somerset County, AND

5. ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

(ii) Except for the disposition of surplus property in Charles County for the production of affordable housing as provided under paragraph (4) of this subsection, the county commissioners may negotiate with any governmental body or agency located within the county for the sale of real property no longer needed by the county school board, without advertising the property for sale, after three independent appraisals have been obtained. Any proceedings for acquisition by condemnation shall be taken in accordance with Title 12 of the Real Property Article.

(3) In Frederick County, the Board of County Commissioners may:

(i) Negotiate with Frederick Memorial Hospital, Inc. in the same manner in which the Board of County Commissioners may negotiate with any governmental body or agency located within the county for the sale of real property no longer needed by the county school board.

(ii) Accept gifts of land not needed for public purposes and sell the property at public or private sale for such consideration as the Board considers