

county for the purpose of operating an electric railway thereon, said rights not conflicting with the right of the public to use said roads; and,

WHEREAS, The said Cumberland Electric Railway, relying upon said rights so granted, has expended large sums of money in building and equipping a railway upon said roads, which has been in operation for more than three years; and, Preamble.

WHEREAS, Certain courts of this State have ruled that the County Commissioners have no power to grant such rights, without special legislative authority; now, therefore. Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the rights and franchises heretofore granted by the County Commissioners of Allegany county to the said Cumberland Electric Railway Company to use certain of the public roads of said county for the purpose of operating thereon an electric railway, be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed. Grant of rights confirmed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 2, 1896.

CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT to enlarge the charter of the president and directors of the General German Aged People's Home of Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the president and directors of the General German Aged People's Home of Baltimore city, a body duly incorporated under the General Incorporation Laws of the State of Maryland, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to increase the membership of its board of directors from twelve to twenty-four members, said twenty-four directors to be elected in the same manner and to have the same powers and authority as provided for in the charter and by-laws of said body corporate relating to its present board of directors. Increase of directors.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 2d, 1896.