

authorize the Board of Estimates, in its discretion, to grant, in certain events, to said company, the franchise or right of using said roads for its corporate purpose in perpetuity, and to modify in certain respects, in relation to said roads, the present powers of the Board of Estimates in the matter of fixing the compensation for franchises or rights in public property.

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in the event that the existing street railway franchises, easements, interests or rights of the United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore in any of the roads within the limits of that part of Baltimore city known as the Annex, as to which roads the said street railway company is not legally liable to the payment of the park tax hereinafter mentioned, or in any part or parts of said roads or any of them, shall, in any manner, be acquired by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, pursuant to the authority conferred upon by Chapter 274 of the Acts of General Assembly of Maryland for the year 1904 and ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, No. 216, approved March 11, 1905, or by any other laws or ordinances relating to the powers and duties of the commissioners for opening streets under said Act, and application or applications shall afterwards be made by the United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, subject to the provisions of Sections 7-12, both inclusive, and Section 37 of Article 4, entitled "City of Baltimore," of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, for the franchise or right to use the beds of said roads, or any of them, for its railway lines, and the ordinance or ordinances, making said application or applications, shall be duly passed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, then, with the consent of the board of estimates, expressed in said ordinance or ordinances, the park tax of nine per centum upon the gross receipts of passenger street railway companies in the city of Baltimore, now prescribed and regulated by Sections 797-800, both inclusive, of Article 4, entitled "City of Baltimore," of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, shall, as to the bed or beds of the public highway or highways, covered by said ordinance or ordinances, and for the period of eleven years, accounting

Park tax modified.

Manner of paying park tax.