

public highways, the board of estimates is hereby authorized, in its discretion, after the acquisition of said roadbeds, or parts of roadbeds, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, should the United Railway and Electric Company of Baltimore, its successors and assigns, apply for the franchise or right of using any of said roadbeds, or parts of roadbeds, for its railway lines, to fix the compensation or compensations to be paid therefor, without reference to any other application or applications for the same franchises or rights by any other person or corporation, and free from the obligation cast upon it by Section 37 of Article 4, entitled "City of Baltimore," of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, to fix the compensation to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in such cases at the largest amount that it may be able by advertisement or otherwise to obtain for the franchise or right; provided, however, that said compensation or compensations shall in no case be fixed by said board of estimates at a lower sum or sums than the sum or sums which the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have paid, or become obliged to pay unto said company, whether as the result of condemnation proceedings or otherwise, under the provisions of Chapter 274 of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland for the year 1904, for the purpose of acquiring the respective street railway franchises, easements, interests or rights now or hereafter possessed or enjoyed by said company in said respective roadbeds, or parts of roadbeds, as to which said application or applications for new franchises or rights shall or may be made by said company as aforesaid.

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Compensation
fixed for
franchise.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1906.

CHAPTER 822.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the interment of the bodies of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the United or Confederate States Army or Navy between the years 1861-1865.