

the purpose of supplementing the powers of condemnation now conferred upon said Commission; of authorizing said Commission to make such changes as may be deemed desirable in the projected location of State roads; and to regulate the use of the State roads when constructed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following three new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 91 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1904), title "Surveyor and State Survey," subtitle "Public Roads," to come in before Section 33 of said Article and subtitle, to be numbered Section 32w, Section 32x and Section 32y, and to read as follows:

32w. Whenever, for the purpose of building a new road or widening any existing road or crossing the tracks of any railroad, it shall become necessary to condemn any land or water or any interest in, under or over the same which the State Roads Commission is authorized to acquire under the preceding sections of this Article, it shall and may be lawful for said Commission to proceed as follows: The Commission shall cause to be prepared a preliminary report, with such plat or plats as may be necessary and showing: (a) The description, quantity and nature of the property to be taken; (b) the amount of damages awarded therefor; (c) the amount of benefits assessed to the adjoining land (which shall not exceed the damages awarded and costs of condemnation), and which in case of a railroad crossing shall be governed by the section of this Act for such cases provided; (d) the names of the persons interested in the property taken or benefited, with their respective estates and interests therein (and if any such estates or interests shall belong to the unknown heirs of any deceased owner, the report shall so state); (e) and the damages and benefits awarded or assessed to each. Upon completion of such report the State Roads Commission shall, by an advertisement inserted twice successively in one or more newspapers published in the county where the land lies, give notice to the parties interested (naming them) that such preliminary report is open to inspection at the office of the Commission, and that during a period of fifteen days from the date of the first publication of such notice the Commission will hear objections and make such corrections as may be proper. After the expiration of said period of fifteen days a final report, including such plat or plats as may be necessary, shall by the Commission be deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county in which the property to be taken lies; and thereupon the Commission shall, by advertisement inserted three times successively in one or more newspapers published in said county, give notice to the parties interested (naming them) that such final report has been de-