

the powers and duties and the procedure of such commission, and providing also for the improvement of the sidewalks in said annex portion of the city at the expense of the property owners and for grading, paving and curbing such streets, avenues, lanes and alleys in whole or in part at the expense of the adjacent property upon the request of the owners of a majority of the front feet thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Commissioners for opening streets of the City of Baltimore are hereby constituted a commission to be known as the Annex Improvement Commission, and as such in addition to their ordinary duties are hereby vested and clothed with all the powers and rights in this Act contained, and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to carry into effect all the provisions of this Act. As compensation for their services hereunder the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may in its discretion award the said Commissioners such annual sum as it may deem proper in addition to the compensation to which they are respectively entitled for discharging the ordinary duties of their office, provided that the total compensation received by each of said commissioners shall in no event exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum. The clerk of said commissioners shall act as their secretary in connection with the powers and duties hereby conferred, and for his services in this connection, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may, in its discretion, award him such annual sum as it may deem proper, in addition to the compensation to which he is entitled for discharging the ordinary duties of his office as clerk; provided that his total compensation shall in no event exceed the sum of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars per annum. The said secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the commission, and shall enter in a well-bound book and carefully preserved, neat, legible and accurate minutes of all meetings of the commission, and he shall perform all such other duties as usually appertain to the office of secretary of a private corporation, or as may be imposed upon him by this Act or as may be assigned to him by the commission, shall annually make to the Mayor a detailed report of all its official transactions and expenditures. The said commission shall have authority and power, subject to the approval or ratification of the Board of Estimates, to employ any help or assistance necessary to promote the object and purpose of this commission and its work, and to fix the compensation of such help and to remove or discharge them at their pleasure; also to purchase necessary office furniture and stationery."