

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 20th, 1914.

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CHAPTER 125.

AN ACT to add four new Sections to the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, Article 4, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Charter," three of said Sections to follow Section 175 and to be designated 175-A, 175-B and 175-C, and the fourth to follow Section 176 and to be designated 176-A.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That four new Sections are hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, Article 4, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Charter;" three of said Sections to follow Section 175, as the same was amended by the Act of 1912, Chapter 32, and to be designated 175-A, 175-B and 175-C, and the fourth to follow Section 176 and to be designated 176-A, said four new Sections to read as follows:

175-A. In any ordinance providing for opening, widening, extending, straightening or closing any public highway, the Mayor and City Council may provide that the Commissioners for Opening Streets shall assess upon the property benefited thereby the entire cost of such opening, widening, extending, straightening or closing, including the damages paid for any property taken therefor and the expenses of the said Commissioners and Court expenses, if any; the property so benefited may be specified in the ordinance or left to be determined by the Commissioners. In the event of the passage of such ordinance, the Commissioners for Opening Streets in carrying out the same shall apportion the entire expense of such opening, widening, extending, straightening or closing among the various properties benefited thereby. Nothing herein shall prevent any property owner from showing on appeal the amount he is actually benefited.

175-B. The first meeting of the Commissioners to execute any ordinance to open, extend, widen, straighten or close, in whole or in part, any street, square, lane or alley shall be held within four months after the passage of this Act, as to all such ordinances heretofore passed and remaining wholly unexecuted, and as to any ordinance hereafter passed within three months after