

23. The several sections and provisions of this Article are hereby declared to be independent of each other; and it is the legislative intent that, if any of said sections or provisions are declared to be unconstitutional, such section or provision shall not affect any other portion of this Article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1922.

Approved April 13th, 1922.

CHAPTER 391.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Maryland, to widen and improve the road commonly known as the Rockville and Georgetown Pike between certain limits beginning at the line of the District of Columbia where said road intersects with said District line and along said road to a point where the road known as the old Georgetown road at the village of Edgemoor intersects with the Rockville and Georgetown Pike.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Montgomery County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to take such necessary action as they may deem expedient for the purpose of widening, improving and maintaining the road known as the Rockville and Georgetown Pike beginning at the line of the District of Columbia on said road to a point on said road where the old Georgetown Pike intersects with the Rockville to Georgetown Pike at the village of Edgemoor and about in front of the premises owned and occupied by Robert D. Hagner.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the County Commissioners in their discretion may cause to be condemned such land and premises as may be necessary for the purpose of widening, improving and maintaining said thoroughfare along the lines indicated; that said road may be widened, located or re-located by said Commissioners under the provisions of the General Laws of Maryland authorizing, requiring and directing the Commissioners to open, alter, locate or re-locate any public road or by condemnation proceedings as provided for under the General Laws of this State. That said Commissioners may, however, accept from the owner of any land ad-