

condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County the amount of said award and all costs taxed to date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant; at the time of said payment, however, it shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment on such appeal or further proceedings.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall not affect or impair any right vested or acquired and existing at the time of the passage of this Act; provided, that this section shall not be construed to make irreparable or irrevocable any right which before the passage of this Act was repealable or revocable; nor shall this Act impair, discharge or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability or penalty whatever now existing. All suits and actions, both civil and criminal, pending, or which may hereafter be instituted for causes of action now existing or offenses already committed against any law or ordinance repealed by this Act, shall be instituted, proceeded with and prosecuted to final determination and judgment as if this Act had not been passed. No tax levied or any proceeding taken for the collection of any such tax or the enforcement of the payment of the same before the passage of this Act shall in any manner be affected by the passage of this Act, and the mode of procedure in any such matter shall be the same as if this Act had not been passed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws now enforced relating or applicable to the Mayor and Council of Salisbury and not included in this Act and not inconsistent with this Act, and all ordinances of the Mayor and Council of Salisbury now in force and not inconsistent with this Act, shall be and they are hereby continued until changed or repealed, respectively, by the General Assembly of Maryland or the Mayor and Council of Salisbury.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all officers provided for or named in the charter of Salisbury or any amendments thereto, as it now stands before the passage of this Act, whether by election or appointment, shall continue to hold, exercise and discharge the duties of their respective offices until their successors shall be duly qualified, and nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to interfere with the continuity of the terms or tenure of said officers; nor shall a reappointment or re-election of any of said officers be necessary in order to secure the said continuity of their said terms and tenures of office, unless otherwise provided in this Act.