

cedure established in this Act or under the general law authorizing condemnation by corporation in this State, and to exercise said right of condemnation over the right of condemnation of any of said corporations, and to condemn any and all property of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; to assess one-half of the cost of said flood prevention plan or plans against the property benefited, and to assess the balance of said cost generally against all the property in said City of Cumberland, to police and otherwise protect the work done under this Act, and to prohibit the placing of any substance or obstruction in Will's Creek or the Potomac River, and to provide penalties for the violation of these provisions, to acquire land or rights in land in West Virginia, and to hold stock in corporations holding land or rights in land in West Virginia, and to form corporations for this purpose, to appoint commissions and commissioners for the purpose of carrying out certain of the provisions of this Act, and to provide for the compensation of said commissioners, to provide for appeals from the action of the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland in establishing said Will's Creek Flood District, in condemning land under the special procedure established herein, and in filing liens under the provisions of this Act, to provide for carrying out the provisions of this Act by orders or ordinances, limiting the jurisdiction under this Act to the present limits of the City of Cumberland, and for a mile in any direction outside of said limits, within the State of Maryland, to provide certain rules of construction in interpreting this Act, repealing all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith, and providing that each section of this Act and every part thereof shall be independent sections and unaffected by the invalidity of any other part thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland be and they are hereby vested with jurisdiction, power and authority to establish as hereinafter provided a Will's Creek Flood District, which may be entirely within or partly within and partly without the corporate limits of the said City of Cumberland as now located or as may be hereafter located, and said Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to do all or any of the things and acts hereinafter mentioned for the purposes of preventing floods, and of lessening the danger and damage incident to floods in said Will's Creek