

within the corporate limits aforesaid the Commissioners of Cambridge are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire whatever land and property shall be necessary for the making of any necessary public improvement, and the Commissioners of Cambridge are hereby authorized and empowered, if it should be found expedient and best, to exchange land or property owned or to be acquired by the Commissioners of Cambridge for land or other property necessary to be obtained and owned by another or others, and any lands or property heretofore acquired for the said purposes by the Commissioners of Cambridge, the Act or Acts of the Commissioners of Cambridge in acquiring such land or property is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the Commissioners of Cambridge are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire any of said property by purchase, if possible to do so by agreement with the owners of such property, and if not possible, to so acquire the said property by purchase, then by condemnation proceedings, said condemnation proceedings to be in the form and in the manner provided by Article 33A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Eminent Domain."

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after the 1st day of June, 1931.

Approved April 17, 1931.

CHAPTER 448.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 87 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1924 edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Desertion of Wife or Child," and to add thereto five additional sections, to follow immediately after Section 87 of said Article and to be known as Sections 87A, 87B, 87C, 87D and 87E, enlarging the sentence from one to three years and making the period of probation of the defendant three years, and empowering the State's Attorney for the City of Baltimore to investigate and to inquire into complaints having to do with the desertion or non-support of a wife or minor child; to require witnesses other than the accused person to appear before him; to notify the accused of his right to appear and to produce evidence; and