

visors of Elections for Howard County shall submit the question to the qualified voters of said County at the regular general election to be held in said County on November 2, 1948. Notice of such submission shall be given by the said Board of Supervisors of Elections by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, at least two weeks before the said election. The ballot labels for the voting machines shall be so prepared that there shall appear thereon a condensed statement of the title of this Act in the following words: "DO YOU FAVOR CARNIVALS AND RAFFLES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS?", with provision for the voter to express himself "YES" or "NO". If a majority of the persons voting on said question shall vote "Yes" then this Act shall be immediately of full force and effect, but if a majority of the persons voting on said question shall vote "NO" then this Act shall be void and of no effect.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1948.

Approved June 1, 1948.

CHAPTER 60

(House Bill 31)

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, subject to ratification and approval by ordinance, to agree with any railroad company for the surrender of any of its franchises, easements or rights-of-way and in substitution for the franchise, easement or right-of-way so surrendered, to grant a new franchise, easement or right-of-way, on any highway, street, avenue or road and which may be for the same duration as the franchise, easement or right-of-way surrendered.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, subject to ratification and approval by ordinance, is hereby authorized and empowered to agree with any railroad company for the surrender of any of its franchises, easements or rights-of-way and in substitution for the franchise, easement or right-of-way so surrendered, to grant a new franchise, easement or right-of-way on any highway, street, avenue or road and which may be for the same duration as the franchise, easement or right-of-way surrendered.