

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from July 1, 1948.

Approved June 1, 1948.

CHAPTER 61

(House Bill 32)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Chapter 150, of the Laws of the General Assembly of Maryland 1914, entitled "An Act to Carry Out the Provisions of the Amendment, Adding Section 40-A, to Article 3, of the Constitution", relating to condemnation proceedings in Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Chapter 150 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland 1914, entitled "An Act to Carry Out the Provisions of the Amendment, Adding Section 40-A, to Article 3, of the Constitution", be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. Whenever the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall hereafter provide, by ordinance, for the laying out, opening, extending, widening or straightening of any highway, street, square, lane or alley in Baltimore City, such ordinance may provide that the Department of Assessments shall proceed to acquire the property necessary, in accordance with Section 225 and following, of the City Charter (1938 Edition), or said ordinance may provide that the property necessary to be acquired for such layng out, opening, extending, widening or straightening, may be acquired by proceedings in the Baltimore City Court, under Article 33-A, of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (Flack's Edition, 1939), and that, after the damages to be awarded shall have been ascertained by such proceedings, then the Department of Assessments shall proceed to assess the benefits for said laying out, opening, extending, widening or straightening, in the same manner as if the damages had been assessed by it under Section 228 of the Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), and it shall state in the report to the amount of damages assessed by the proceedings in Court to the various owners, and the expenses of said court proceedings, and its own proceedings. Before any such benefits and damages are assessed, there shall be filed with the Department of Assessments, a profile map or plat showing the grade of the proposed highway, street, square, lane or alley with