

demonstration area or areas most advantageous to the people of Maryland.

The Board of Public Works is hereby authorized to confer with the Board of County Commissioners in the County or Counties in which the site is located for the purpose of obtaining the approval of the Board or Boards of County Commissioners, if possible, of an agreement whereby the County or Counties would receive reimbursement for any reduction in the tax assessable basis arising out of the acquisition by the Board of Public Works of property in the County or Counties to be used for the purpose aforesaid.

The Board of Public Works, after having given due consideration to the written recommendations submitted by the Board of Natural Resources, is hereby authorized, as funds are made available in the budget, to acquire by gift or purchase real property adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, said property so acquired by the Board of Public Works shall be used as a recreation and demonstration area or areas for the social and economic betterment of the people of Maryland and shall be administered by one or more of the several Departments represented on the Board of Natural Resources.

No funds made available to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be used to acquire any property which is being operated as a bathing beach or beach resort and which has been so operated for two years immediately prior to the passage of this Act.

Eighty-five (85%) per centum of all revenues received from any land acquired under the provisions of this section, or from any improvements thereon or developments thereof while under the control and management of said Board of Natural Resources, shall be paid into the State Treasury and the remaining fifteen (15%) per centum shall be paid to the County or Counties in which such recreation and demonstration area or areas are located.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved May 4, 1945.

CHAPTER 980.

(Senate Bill 543)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 163 - 181, inclusive, of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 15. Public