

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 329 of Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Health and Sanitation" (Metropolitan District), as the same was repealed and re-enacted by Chapter 681 of the Acts of 1943, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

329. The Commissioners are hereby expressly authorized and empowered to establish, construct, locate, maintain, operate, protect, preserve, repair, replace, extend or enlarge any water supply, water supply system, water main, sewer, sewer system, sewage disposal plant or field, reservoir, dam, water purification or filtration plant, tank or pumping station, and drains of any and every kind, nature and description, and all other facilities, appurtenances and adjuncts that may be required for any of the purposes of this Act. Whenever deemed necessary by the Commissioners in the exercise of any of the foregoing power and authority, said Commissioners are authorized to acquire by purchase or, failing to agree on a purchase price, to take by condemnation from any tenant, lessee, owner, occupier, or holder of any interest, any land, structures or buildings, source of water supply, stream bed, water way, water rights, water shed, franchises, water, sewerage or drainage systems, or parts thereof, or other property, either in fee or as an easement, within or without the Metropolitan District. Said Commissioners are expressly prohibited from acquiring in any manner any public or private property of any type within the territorial limits of Baltimore City, and are further expressly prohibited from the exercise of the power of condemnation against any existing or future facility or right of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or from in any manner impairing or interfering with any such facility or right. Proceedings for condemnation under this section shall be instituted in the Circuit Court for the County in which said land, structures or buildings, source of water supply, stream bed, water way, water rights, water shed, franchises, water, sewerage, or drainage systems, or other property is situated, as now provided for condemnation of land by municipal corporations in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland.

Certain differences having arisen between the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Commissioners with respect to their mutual rights and needs in the use of the Patapsco River for water supply and sewage disposal the said authorities are hereby required to negotiate, and if they should fail to reach an agreement by June 1st, 1945, they shall submit the said differences to arbitration. In any such arbitration proceeding, the Commissioners shall appoint one (1) arbitrator and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall appoint