

tion to be known as Section 2D, to follow immediately after Section 2C thereof, and to be under the sub-title "General Provisions," granting certain extra powers to the Commissioners of Howard County and relating generally to the operation and administration of such powers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," said new section to be known as Section 2D, to follow immediately after Section 2C thereof, to be under the sub-title "General Powers", and to read as follows:

2D. (a). The County Commissioners of Howard County, in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which have been or may hereafter be granted them, shall have the following express powers:

(b). To acquire by purchase or condemnation real or leasehold property or any interest therein needed for any public purpose and to erect buildings thereon for the benefit of the County and to sell at public or private sale any real or leasehold property belonging to the County when no longer needed for public use, but no property shall be sold until such sale has been advertised for at least twenty (20) days before date of sale.

(c). (Franchises) To grant franchises as provided under existing Public General or Public Local Laws.

(d) To provide for the appointment and removal of all county officers and employees except those whose appointment or election is provided for by the Constitution or Public General or Public Local Laws.

(e). To fix and prescribe the salary or compensation of all appointed officers and employees of the County, and to prescribe and provide for the payment of the traveling and other expenses of the State's Attorney, Sheriff, Judges of the Orphans' Court and of all other elected and appointed officers and employees of the County incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(f) To provide for county advertising, printing and publishing of all laws, ordinances, resolutions or regulations, adopted by the County Commissioners and the annual statements of receipts and expenditures of the County; provided, however, that the said Commissioners shall