

CHAP. 357. SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

### CHAPTER 357.

Passed May 31, 1852. *AN ACT to provide for the valuation and severance of the ownership of property now held jointly by the City and County of Baltimore.*

Authority to  
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sons to value  
property held  
jointly by city  
and county of  
Baltimore,  
&c.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That on or before the first Monday of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, the county commissioners of Baltimore county, shall appoint three discreet persons, inhabitants of said county, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore city, shall also appoint by ordinance, three discreet persons, inhabitants of said city, who shall, and are hereby required to estimate the present actual value of the entire property of every description, now held jointly by the city and county of Baltimore, and shall proceed to divide the same equally between the parties, so far as the same may in their opinion be susceptible of specific division, without prejudice to the interests of either party, or in case the division thus contemplated cannot be effected, then the persons respectively appointed by the county commissioners of Baltimore county, and by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, shall assign to the one or to the other, any particular part of the whole, with such sum of money added to the lesser valued property, as shall make the lesser equal to the greater valued property, and which difference shall be stated in the report hereinafter required to be made, and said persons so appointed, shall have free access to every part of the property, held by the county and city of Baltimore jointly, and to all records and memoranda whatsoever, appertaining to the subject matter of their investigation, and shall have the power to compel the production of papers, and also, if in their opinion, necessary to the ends of justice, shall have power to summon witnesses, and administer to them the usual oaths to testify according to the truth.

Authority to  
select arbiter.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if the persons who are appointed by the county commissioners of Baltimore county, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to divide the property now jointly held by the said

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