

title "State Roads", relating to the powers of the State Roads Commission, to their exercise, and to local participation therein by county and municipal government officials, and relating generally thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 7 of Article 89-B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "State Roads", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7. The Commission created under this Article is hereby authorized and directed to include in its work of improving the system of main roads of the State, the improvement of such portions of the main roads selected by said Commission as a part of such system as lie inside the limits of the City of Baltimore, provided that on completion of such improvements, the portions of the roads so improved within the city limits shall be city streets under the provision of the city charter. The said Commission, in addition to the powers hereinbefore mentioned, shall have full powers and be charged with the full duties to select, construct, improve and maintain such a general system of improved State roads and highways, as can reasonably be expected to be completed with the funds herein provided in and through all the counties of this State; ~~provided that the unlimited, discretionary powers hereby conferred on the Commission shall not be exercised except by and with local participation by county and municipal government officials in policy determinations of local area importance as to roads, schedulings, substitutions and priorities affecting the local area.~~ PROVIDED THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION SHALL NOT MAKE POLICY DETERMINATIONS RELATING TO HIGHWAY LOCATIONS, SCHEDULINGS, SUBSTITUTIONS AND PRIORITIES WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING AND CONFERRING WITH LOCAL AREA AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. The said Commission shall reach its conclusions as to the selection of the roads to be improved on or before May 1, 1909, and shall on or before that date file with County Commissioners of each county for public inspection a certified copy of a map of the State showing plainly thereon the adopted system of main roads to be improved under this Article, which map shall bear the written approval of the said Commission. It may make all preliminary investigations; and do all such preliminary work as shall, in the judgment of such Commission, precede the actual establishment, construction and improvement of said system of roads and highways; adopt and employ such means, methods or system of road construction, improvement and development as may, in its judgment, be best calculated to promote the objects of this Article; condemn, lay out, open, establish, construct, extend, widen, straighten, grade and improve, in any manner, any main road, of the system, in any county of this State and establish or fix the width thereof; cause to be prepared such surveys, plans, drawings, or maps as it may deem proper in the course of its work; acquire for the State of Maryland, by agreement, gift, grant, purchase or condemnation proceedings as prescribed by Sections 193 to 200, inclusive, or by Sections 334 to 340, inclusive, of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws, or as prescribed by the provisions of Article 33-A of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws, any private road or roads whatsoever, or private property or rights of drainage for public use, whether belonging to private individuals or to turnpike companies or other corporations, and including any avenues, roads, lanes or thorough-