

Sanitary Commission for the construction and extension of water supply, sewerage and drainage systems, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following new Section 40C, to follow immediately after Section 40B of Article III, be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, the same, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland.

40C. *Eminent Domain—Water, Sewerage and Drainage Systems of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission;* ; IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

*The General Assembly shall enact no law authorizing private property to be taken for public use without just compensation, to be agreed upon between the parties or awarded by a jury, being first paid or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation, except that where such property, located IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY in this State, is in the judgment of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission needed for water supply, sewerage and drainage systems to be extended or constructed by the said Commission, the General Assembly may provide that such property, except ~~an occupied dwelling~~ ANY BUILDING OR BUILDINGS may be taken immediately upon payment therefor by the condemning authority to the owner or owners thereof or into the Court to the use of the person or persons entitled thereto, such amount as the condemning authority shall estimate to be the fair value of said property, provided such legislation requires that the condemning authority's estimate be not less than the appraised value of the property being taken as evaluated by at least one qualified appraiser, whose qualifications have been accepted by a Court of Record of this State, and also requires the payment of any further sum that may subsequently be awarded by a jury, , AND PROVIDED SUCH LEGISLATION LIMITS THE CONDEMNING AUTHORITY'S UTILIZATION OF THE ACQUISITION PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION TO OCCASIONS WHERE IT HAS ACQUIRED OR IS ACQUIRING BY PURCHASE OR OTHER PROCEDURES ONE-HALF OR MORE OF THE SEVERAL TAKINGS OF LAND OR INTERESTS IN LAND NECESSARY FOR ANY GIVEN WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE OR DRAINAGE EXTENSION OR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall, at the next general election, to be held in this State in the year 1966, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election, due