

concurring), That the following new Section 40D be and it is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," to follow immediately after Section 40C thereof; if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland.

40D.

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, is in the judgment of the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County needed for the construction or extension of county roads and streets. The General Assembly may provide that such property, except a building occupied as a dwelling, 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. This section, if adopted by the voters in the year 1968, at the time it becomes effective, is void and of no further effect if the voters of the State prior thereto have adopted a revision of the Constitution of Maryland proposed by a Constitutional Convention.

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 1968, 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 Constitutional Amendment" and "Against Constitutional Amendment," as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election, due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article 14.*

Approved April 14, 1967.

CHAPTER 246
(House Bill 424)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 145(d) of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965