

Prince George's County (1963 Edition) and new Section 71-5A to the Montgomery County Code (1965 Edition), being Articles 17 and 16, respectively, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, titles "Prince George's County" and "Montgomery County," subtitle "Washington Suburban Sanitary District," providing for an optional procedure for the acquisition of land and interests in land in Prince George's County by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for the construction and extension of water supply, sewerage and drainage systems and relating to the manner and procedure of exercising the optional, additional method of acquisition authorized by Article III, Section 40C of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, Section 40C of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, adopted and approved by the legally qualified voters of the State of Maryland, provides that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission may be authorized to take land or interests in land, except any building or buildings, necessary for water supply, sewerage and drainage systems to be extended or constructed by it, by payment to the owners or into the Court for the use of the owners and upon the other conditions and procedures specified in said Constitutional provision; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, pursuant to its statutory responsibilities and authority, has commenced a program for the augmentation of water supply and distribution to areas in Prince George's County, and particularly after the experience of the public in the summer of 1966 it is deemed imperative that the several construction projects under the program be expedited, not only to provide an adequate, safe and potable supply of drinking water but to provide for the vital needs of water for fire protection and other public health requirements; and

WHEREAS, the emergency needs for expedited construction of the water supply lines indicate a desirability of implementing the constitutional authority as soon as may be possible and it is desirable and feasible to provide at the same time for the Commission's exercise of the authority in the other situations in which it may be utilized; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 83-60A of the Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition) and new Section 71-5A of the Montgomery County Code (1965 Edition), being Articles 17 and 16, respectively, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, titles "Prince George's County" and "Montgomery County," subtitle "Washington Suburban Sanitary District," be and they are hereby added, said new section to follow immediately after Sections 83-60 and 71-5 of the respective Codes, and to read as follows:

83-60A. (71-5A).

(a) *Whenever the Commission has acquired or is acquiring by purchase or other procedures, including the condemnation procedures provided for in Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Section 83-60 (71-5) of this subtitle, one-half or more of the several takings of land or interest in land required for the extension or construction of a water supply, sanitary sewerage or drainage project, as*