

WHEREAS, said Chapter was passed to insure that persons whose property was being taken for a State financed highway project would receive equal benefits with persons whose property was being acquired for a Federally-aided highway project, and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly was advised during the hearings on such legislation at the 1969 session that in all probability the Congress of the United States would, during the year 1969, enact Federal legislation providing certain benefits and financial assistance in land acquisition cases which would be different than that theretofore passed by the Congress, and thereby require legislative review by the General Assembly, and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the United States has passed Senate Bill 1 and such Bill is now before the Public Works Committee of the House of Representatives. In addition thereto there has been introduced into the House of Representatives by Congressman George H. Fallon and others H.R. 14898, which bill also relates to the same subject, but differs from Senate Bill 1. There is also pending before the House of Representatives a number of other bills on this same subject. The Public Works Committee of the House of Representatives has heretofore held certain hearings on these bills and has scheduled additional hearings during the month of January, 1970, and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that during the year 1970, both Houses of the Congress will agree upon and enact legislation on this subject which in all probability will require certain changes in Maryland law in order to insure receipt of certain federal funds, and

WHEREAS, it is therefore deemed desirable to extend the effective date of such Chapter 242 from July 1, 1970 to July 1, 1971; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That subsection (e) of Section 6B of Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Eminent Domain," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

6B.

(e) This section shall remain in force and effect until July 1, ~~1970~~ 1971 and no payments provided herein shall be made after that date unless the duration of this section is extended by law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 22, 1970

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CHAPTER 269

(Senate Bill 245)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 126 (a) of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replac-