

chairman and alternate member of the court. Any hearing on the removal of a member on or after December 7, 1970, shall be before the county executive.

*(b) In Howard County, the county executive, with confirmation by the County Council, shall appoint, remove, and fix the compensation of the members of the appeal tax court and designate the chairman and alternate member of the court.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 24, 1971.

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CHAPTER 702

(House Bill 514)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11A of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to provide that in Frederick County, the County Commissioners may negotiate with governmental bodies or agencies for the sale of real property no longer needed by the county school board without advertising the property for sale and subject to a certain condition.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 11A of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

11A.

The county commissioners of every county in the State are hereby authorized to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, bequest, condemnation, or otherwise, any property, or any interest therein, of any kind needed for any public purpose, and to erect buildings thereon for the benefit of the county, and to sell at public sale any such property when no longer needed for public use, but no property shall be sold until the sale has been advertised for at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of sale *provided, however, that in Frederick County, the county commissioners may negotiate with any governmental body or agency located within the county for the sale of real property no longer needed by the county school board, without advertising the property for sale, after three independent appraisals have been obtained.* Any proceedings for acquisition by condemnation shall be taken pursuant to Article 33A of this Code, as amended from time to time.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 24, 1971.