

CHAPTER 555

(House Bill 1779)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County - Eminent Domain

FOR the purpose of providing, upon approval of the County Council, that land in Anne Arundel County not improved with buildings and determined to be necessary and in immediate need for public use, may be taken by the County upon payment to the owner or into court of an amount determined by certain appraisers to be the property value; requiring additional payment if awarded by a jury; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland

Article III - Legislative Department
Section 40A

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 be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 40A of Article III - Legislative Department, of the Constitution of Maryland, the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:

Article III - Legislative Department

40A.

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, but where such property is situated in Baltimore City and is desired by this State or by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the General Assembly may provide that such property may be taken immediately upon payment therefor to the owner or owners thereof by the State or by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or into court, such amount as the State or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as the case may be, shall estimate to be the fair value of said