

## CHAPTER 977

(Senate Bill 982)

AN ACT concerning

Kent County - Quick-Take Condemnation Authority  
for Chestertown

FOR the purpose of granting to the governing body of Chestertown, Kent County, certain ~~quick-take authority for right of way for municipal roads, streets, and extension of municipal water and sewer facilities; providing that this authority does not apply if the property actually to be taken includes a building or buildings~~ authority to take certain unimproved land in Chestertown, Maryland if there is an immediate need for the land for certain public purposes, including the extension of municipal water, sewer, and storm drain facilities; providing for payment for land so taken; 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elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That it be proposed that section(s) of the Constitution of Maryland be repealed, amended, or added to read as follows:

## 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 property, provided such legislation also requires the payment of any further sum that may subsequently be added by a jury; and further provided that the authority and procedure for the