

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to acquire by purchase, gift, or condemnation any real, personal, or leasehold property, or any interest therein, that is needed in the acquisition, construction, or maintenance of railroad lines in the county; and authorizing a contribution by the Board to the cost of any such railroad line built by the State of Maryland; providing that before any railroad line is acquired or constructed and before any real or personal property interest is acquired for the railroad line or before any such contribution is made, the Board shall follow certain procedures; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the acquisition and construction of railroad lines in Washington County.

BY adding to

Article 25 - County Commissioners
Section 251
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

251.

(A) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE, GIFT, OR CONDEMNATION ANY REAL, PERSONAL, OR LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN, THAT IS NEEDED IN THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, OR MAINTENANCE OF RAILROAD LINES IN THE COUNTY.

(B) BEFORE ANY RAILROAD LINE IS ACQUIRED OR CONSTRUCTED AND BEFORE ANY REAL, PERSONAL, OR LEASEHOLD PROPERTY INTEREST IS ACQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE RAILROAD LINE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL:

(1) ~~DETERMINING~~ DETERMINE, AS EVIDENCED BY ITS RESOLUTION DULY PASSED, ~~THAT THE RAILROAD LINE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRESERVATION AND ATTRACTION OF THE RAILROAD INDUSTRY TO THE COUNTY AND WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE COUNTY;~~ AND

(2) ADVERTISE AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILROAD LINE IN THE SAME MANNER THE BOARD IS REQUIRED TO ADVERTISE AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR ANY OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSE.

(C) IN THE EVENT THAT THE STATE OF MARYLAND THROUGH ANY OF ITS DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES DETERMINES TO BUILD OR