

(I) MAY APPROVE ONLY THOSE APPLICATIONS IN WHICH THE SUBJECT LAND MEETS THE CRITERIA AND STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER §§ 2-509 AND 2-513 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) SHALL RANK THE APPLICATIONS AND SUBMIT OFFERS TO BUY IN ORDER OF PRIORITY, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) THE FOUNDATION SHALL ADOPT BY RULE AND REGULATION A STANDARD PRIORITY RANKING SYSTEM BY WHICH IT SHALL RANK EACH APPLICATION. THE SYSTEM SHALL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA AS TO THE EASEMENTS OFFERED IN ANY ONE COUNTY:

(I) THE APPLICATIONS SHALL BE ASSIGNED A RANK IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPORTION OBTAINED BY DIVIDING THE ASKING PRICE BY THE STATE APPRAISED EASEMENT VALUE. THE RESULTING RANK SHALL BE THE SOLE CRITERION FOR ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITY FOR DISCOUNTED APPLICATIONS THAT INCLUDE PROPORTIONS OF 1.0 OR LOWER.

(II) ALL ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE PROPORTIONS GREATER THAN 1.0 SHALL BE ASSIGNED A NUMERICAL VALUE THAT, IN REGARD TO THE LAND FOR WHICH THE EASEMENT IS OFFERED, REFLECTS:

1. THE RELATIVE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF THE LAND;

~~2. THE ENHANCED VALUE DUE TO THE PRESSURE OF ENCROACHING DEVELOPMENT;~~

2. 3.2. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE EASEMENT ACQUISITION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIERS AND MARKETS FOR AGRICULTURAL GOODS; AND

3. THE PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.

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CHAPTER 349

(House Bill 180)

AN ACT concerning