LAWS OF MARYLAND

CHAPTER 674

(House Bill 705)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County - Right of Prior Entry

FOR the purpose of providing, upon approval of the Anne Arundel County Council, that certain land in Anne Arundel County determined after reasonable notice and a public hearing to be necessary and in immediate need for certain public uses, 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 it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland 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 immediate taking of property as it applies to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore on June 1, 1961, shall remain in force and effect to and including June 1, 1963, and where such property is situated in Baltimore County and is desired by Baltimore County, Maryland,