

(iii) In St. Mary's County, persons owning real estate within 5 miles of the premises for which a license is sought shall be among those persons signing the certificate.

(iv) This certificate is not necessary for applications filed in DORCHESTER COUNTY, Prince George's County, Montgomery County and Anne Arundel County.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved May 11, 1993.

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**CHAPTER 219**

**(Senate Bill 200)**

AN ACT concerning

**Telephone Companies – Powers**

FOR the purpose of clarifying that ~~all~~ certain telephone companies that own lines and provide local exchange or interexchange service in this State with the approval of the Public Service Commission have the same condemnation powers as telegraph companies with respect to constructing, laying, and maintaining lines only.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 23 – Miscellaneous Companies

Section 326 and 340

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 23 – Miscellaneous Companies**

326.

The provisions of §§ 317 to 325, both inclusive, in relation to telegraph companies, shall likewise apply to and have full force and effect in respect to telephone companies [created under the provisions of this article] THAT OWN LINES AND PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE OR INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE IN THIS STATE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

340.

Any of the corporations formed under class thirteen, § 28 of this article, as codified by the Code of 1904 OR REFERRED TO IN § 326 OF THIS ARTICLE, shall have the power which is conferred upon telegraph companies incorporated under this article by § 318,