

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 176 be and it is hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1955 Supplement), title "State Roads", said new section to follow immediately after Section 175 thereof, to be under the new sub-title "Special Tax Districts", and to read as follows:

*Special Tax Districts*

*176. Whenever the State Roads Commission acquires property for the construction, reconstruction, repair or maintenance of State highways or for other purposes, and such property is subject to front-foot OR OTHER assessments levied by a special tax district ~~for the installation and maintenance of water or sewer lines, or both,~~ the principal unpaid remaining sum of said assessment INCLUDING ACCRUED INTEREST TO THE DATE OF, BUT ONLY TO THE DATE OF, SAID ACQUISITION shall become due and payable to the said special tax district, and said sum shall become a lien against said property. It shall be the duty of the State Roads Commission, in such cases, WHEN THE PROPERTY IS ACQUIRED WITHOUT EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS, prior to making final settlement with the property owner, to provide for the payment to the special tax district of the unpaid balance of such assessment BY DEDUCTING SUCH AMOUNT FROM THE TOTAL TO BE PAID THE OWNER OR OWNERS THEREOF, and said assessment must be paid BY SAID COMMISSION and said lien satisfied before the deed evidencing such transfer to the State Roads Commission may be recorded among the land records of the county. If the property is acquired through eminent domain, it shall be proper for the jury to consider the AMOUNT OF ANY unpaid front-foot OR OTHER assessment in arriving at the amount of damages AND THE JURY SHALL MAKE A SEPARATE AWARD IN FAVOR OF A SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR ANY SUCH ASSESSMENT IF SUCH DISTRICT IS A PARTY TO THE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDING AND A SEPARATE AWARD TO the property owner ~~is entitled to receive~~ FOR THE VALUE OF SUCH PROPERTY EXCLUDING ANY SUCH ASSESSMENT; in such cases the property owner shall receive the full amount provided in the inquisition FOR SUCH PROPERTY VALUE ~~minus the amount allowed, if any,~~ DUE ~~for the said unpaid front-foot assessment,~~ and the amount ~~allowed~~ DUE for the said unpaid front-foot OR OTHER assessment, if any, shall be paid by the State Roads Commission to the special tax district.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1956.

Approved April 4, 1956.