

CHAPTER 451.

Passed May 31, 1853. AN ACT to confer on the Superior Court of Baltimore city concurrent jurisdiction in the matter of opening and closing streets.

Concurrent jurisdiction. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the superior court for Baltimore city, shall have and exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the criminal court of Baltimore in appeals from the decisions of any commissioners, or other persons, appointed in virtue of any ordinance, to ascertain the damage which will be caused, or the benefit which will accrue to the owners or possessors of grounds or improvements by locating, opening, extending, widening, straightening, or closing up, in whole or in part, any street, square, lane or alley, within the city of Baltimore.

Right of appeal. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That appeals may be taken from the superior court in the matters mentioned in the first section of this act, to the court of appeals in the same manner as appeals may be taken from the criminal court of Baltimore in like cases.

CHAPTER 452.

Passed May 30, 1853. AN ACT to provide for the location of a County Seat for Baltimore county.

To open polls. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of election for Baltimore county shall open polls on the third Wednesday of November next, at the usual place and usual hour in each election district of said county, at which the qualified voters of the said county may vote by written or printed ballots, designating thereon the place for locating the county seat of justice, where shall be erected a court house and other appropriate buildings for the said county.

Return to be made. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid judges shall make a return to the clerk of the circuit court, as returns are made for delegates to the General Assembly, of the result of such votes, showing the number given in favor of the several sites designated or voted for.