

*time, certify each dispute to the Board of Property Review, hereinafter created, before the expiration of thirty (30) days from the said six (6) month period and said Board shall promptly hear and determine the issues in the manner and form hereafter set forth.*

9H. *There is hereby created in each of the several Counties of the State and in the City of Baltimore a Board of Property Review. Said Board shall consist of three (3) members, one of whom shall be an engineer or a person with engineering background and knowledge, one of whom shall be a lawyer and one of whom shall be a person other than an engineer or a lawyer. The said members shall be appointed by the Circuit Court Judges of the several judicial circuits within the State and the said Judges shall appoint a Board for each County within their respective Circuit. In Baltimore City the Board shall be appointed by the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. Should it be deemed necessary more than one Board may be appointed in any County or Baltimore City. The Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, AND IF A VACANCY OR VACANCIES SHALL OCCUR ON ANY BOARD THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT ANOTHER QUALIFIED PERSON TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE VACANT MEMBER OR MEMBERS and shall be compensated on a per diem basis, said compensation to be determined by the appointing authority. The compensation shall be uniform throughout the State; however, members of the General Assembly shall not be eligible to serve on said Boards during their tenure of office. The compensation of the Board members shall be paid monthly by the State Roads Commission upon presentation of vouchers approved by the Clerk of the Court of the respective county, or the Superior Court of Baltimore City. The said Board members, in the performance of their duties, shall be under the jurisdiction of the said Courts and shall be considered as officers of said Courts. It shall be the duty of the local governing bodies to provide suitable space for the Boards to meet, and the Clerks of the several Courts shall, whenever possible, provide suitable clerical assistance. If, from time to time, such assistance is not available the Commission shall, upon request of the Board, provide such assistance. Each Board so appointed shall select its own Chairman and make its own rules not inconsistent herewith. It shall be the power and duty of said Board to promptly hear all cases certified to it by the Commission and determine the amount of the award to be paid by the Commission and it shall also have the authority to determine what portion of said award, if any, shall be paid to any tenant, lessee, mortgagee, or other person having any interest therein. The Board shall hear representatives of the Commission and representatives of the property owner and the owner if said owner desires to be heard. Each side shall have the right to be represented by legal counsel and each side shall have the right of cross-examination. After hearing the witnesses and counsel and reviewing the exhibits offered the Board shall then view the property effected and promptly place a value upon the taking. Strict rules of evidence need not be adhered to in the hearings before the Board; however, legal counsel for either side or the property owner, or a representative of the Commission may make an oral statement to the Board at the conclusion of the view and before the Board reaches its findings. When one or more members of the said Board shall be disqualified, for any reason, from hearing and determining any case*