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## Private Acts of 1919 Chapter 53

**SECTION 1.** That in all counties of this State having a population of not less than 19,395 and not more than 19,405, according to the Federal Census of 1910 or any subsequent census, that any citizen of said county may have the right and by this Act it is made lawful for such citizens of said counties to condemn sufficient land on adjoining farms to drain the land of the owner of such farm sought to be drained, and for such purpose may cut ditches across the adjoining farm so as to least damage the same, *provided* that before ditching and draining through the farm of another, the party or parties seeking the draining of their farms, shall by proper proceedings condemn sufficient of said land for the draining of said land, and said condemnation proceedings shall be the same as now required by law for the condemning land for railroad purposes.

**SECTION 2.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: January 23, 1919.

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