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Property for Public Purposes

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. That all counties of the State having a population of 350,000 or more by the Federal Census of 1950, or any subsequent Federal Census, be authorized and empowered by and through its Quarterly County Court, in conjunction with any municipality thereof, and in addition to all other authorities and powers delegated to it, to acquire, erect, construct, reconstruct, renovate, restore, repair and maintain, a site or sites, building or buildings, and statues, memorials, markers and monuments, and to supervise the operation, maintenance, preservation and control thereof, for public purposes, including but without being limited to use or uses as historical site or sites, historical building or buildings, statues, memorials, markers and monuments, or other similar sites, structures and objects; and to appropriate and contribute such amount or amounts from the funds of said counties for the aforesaid purposes as it shall deem proper and in the best interest of said counties; and to levy taxes therefor.

SECTION 2. That said counties are hereby expressly given the power, in conjunction with and in cooperation with any municipality thereof, to condemn, for the purposes hereinbefore enumerated, the property of any other person or corporation, and the procedure for the exercise of this power of condemnation shall be the same as that now provided by law for the taking of private property for public uses.

SECTION 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 9, 1953.

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