

**26-518. Acquisition of real property; duties of condemning authority.** Whenever federal funding is not involved, and real property is acquired by any condemning authority through negotiation in advance of a condemnation action or through a condemnation action, and which acquisition will result in the displacement of any person, the condemning authority shall:

(a) Provide the displaced person, as defined in the federal uniform relocation assistance and real property acquisition policies act of 1970, fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance to or for displaced persons.

(b) Fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance to or for displaced persons as provided under sections 202, 203 and 204 of the federal uniform relocation assistance and real property acquisition policies act of 1970, and amendments thereto, shall be deemed fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance pursuant to this section.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the voluntary negotiation of fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance between the displaced person and condemning authority. If such negotiations lead to agreement between the displaced person and the condemning authority, that agreement shall be deemed fair and reasonable.

**History:** L. 2003, ch. 106, § 4; July 1.