accompanied by a duly certified check for not less than ten per centum of the amount of the proposal, to be returned if the proposal be not accepted, and to be held if the proposal be accepted, together with the bond hereinafter provided for, as security for the performance of the proposal. The Commissioners may reject any and all bids, or accept the proposal of any responsible bidder at their discretion; but they shall require any accepted bidder to enter into a contract in writing with them, and to give bond, with security, to be approved by them, in double the sum of said contract price conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract; and they shall not pay, or cause to be paid, in advance for any work not actually done; and they shall not pay for any work done unless it (the work) shall have been done, and the supplies and material furnished strictly in accordance with the plans and specifications signed and accepted by the contractor, and be first approved in writing by the engineer and accepted in writing by the Commissioners. Furthermore, the Commissioners shall withhold for one year from the date the water works are accepted by them, payment of five per centum of their cost, in order to insure the establishment of the water works in accordance with the plans and specifications of the engineer and the contract of the contractor to save the town harmless from any loss or failure or omission of the contractor to fulfill in good faith his contract.

Bond with security.

Issue of bonds voters of the town.

SEC. 8. And be it enacted, That at the election to be held in submitted to the Town of Hyattsville, in Prince George's County, Maryland, on the first Monday in May, in the year 1900, for Commissioners for said town, that the question whether or not said town shall issue coupon bonds to the amount of not more than thirty thousand dollars, as hereinbefore set forth, shall be and is hereby directed to be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of said town, and it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of Hyattsville to give public notice of the intent of this Act in such manner and at such time previous to the election as they may decide fit.

Manner of election.

SEC. 9. And be it enacted, That the election provided for in Section eight hereof shall be held in the same manner and under the same law, rules and regulations as an election for Commissioners for said town of Hyattsville, and the ballots shall have printed on them the words, "For the Issue of Water Bonds" if the ballot to be cast for the issue, and "Against the Issue of Water Bonds" if the ballot to be cast against The returns of said election shall be made in the same manner as is provided for the election of the Commis-