

said James W. Legore, his heirs or assigns in the course of the construction of a bridge or bridges to be erected or in the course of erection at or near said point, shall have expended the sum of ten thousand dollars, it shall not be lawful for any corporation to build or lease, directly or indirectly, a bridge or bridges across or over said Monocacy river at any point within one and one-half miles from the aforesaid point, save and except as hereinafter provided, nor shall it be lawful for any tax to be levied for the building or acquiring of any bridge or bridges within the above mentioned limits except as hereinafter provided.

Unlawful to  
levy tax.

Empowered to  
purchase a  
bridge.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Frederick County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase or lease the stone arch bridge now in course of construction across the Monocacy river in said Frederick County at or near the Iron Stone Ridge at a point commonly known as Stump's Hill, when the same shall be completed, and the road beds leading thereto, for the use of said county, as fully and to the same extent as other county bridges and public roads are now held and owned by said county, when the said County Commissioners shall be requested in writing by at least one hundred taxpayers residing in Emmitsburg, Creagerstown and Woodsboro Election Districts in said county.

To acquire by  
condemna-  
tion.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if the said County Commissioners shall determine to purchase said bridge and the roadbeds leading thereto, and are unable to contract for the purchase of the same from the owner or owners thereof, then, and in that event it shall be lawful for the said County Commissioners of said county to condemn and acquire the same for the use of said county for the purposes to which other county roads and bridges are held and used in said county; and the condemnation proceedings shall be exercised in the same manner and to the same extent by the said County Commissioners as condemnation proceedings are now authorized and in the manner provided by the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, Article 23, Sections 167, 167A and 169, inclusive, as far as the same may be necessary to carry out the intention of this Act; and the jurors selected in said condemnation proceedings shall be impartial and unbiased freeholders of said Frederick County.

Jurors for  
same.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of said county be and they are hereby authorized and em-