

shall be set apart as a general road and bridge fund and to be applied to the general use and benefits of the roads and bridges of the county as directed, and a portion for special purposes or among the several districts by the Highways Commission, and the remaining eighty per cent. of the tax so levied and collected for roads and bridges shall be set apart as special road and bridge fund for the use and benefit of the election district from which it has been collected, and for no other purpose; the said Highways Commission shall not at any time appropriate any part of such general fund for the improvement of any particular road in excess of three thousand dollars per mile, unless it be for the construction and repair of a bridge. Whenever the people of any election district may desire a special road fund for such district in excess of that levied for, they may petition the Highways Commission for a special road tax for such district, not to exceed ten cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessable property of such district, which petition must represent two-fifths of the taxable property basis of such district, and when such petition is presented to the Commission it shall be determined by it whether to grant the same or not, provided notice of such petition shall be given by publication in two weekly newspapers published in Baltimore County, and the taxpayers of the district be given an opportunity to be heard, and if granted, the Commission shall determine what special rate, not greater than ten cents on the one hundred dollars of property in the district shall be allowed, and report their determination to the County Commissioners with demand that the same be levied as a special road tax for such district; and it shall thereupon become the duty of said County Commissioners to levy for and collect such special tax as other taxes, and when collected the same shall be used for the exclusive benefit of the roads and bridges of the election district from which collected. When there shall not be sufficient money in the county treasury set apart as a general road and bridge fund to meet the demand for any emergency, the Highways Commission shall have the power to borrow money, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars in one year, on the credit of the county, to be paid out of road money provided by the next succeeding levy. All sums so levied for road purposes and all sums otherwise collectible for such purposes under the provisions of this or other Acts, shall be collected or received by the Treasurer of Baltimore County, and by him placed to the credit of the Highways Commission of Baltimore County and paid out on the order of said Commission as herein provided, and shall not be paid out by him for any other purpose.

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