

as may be authorized by law; and the right of action is hereby vested in the holder or holders of such bond upon which default has been made, authorizing them to institute suit against any officer on his official bond for failure to perform any duty imposed by the provisions of this act. The official bonds of the tax collector and county treasurer shall be liable for the faithful performance of the duties herein assigned them. Such bonds may be increased by the Board of County Commissioners at their discretion.

SEC. 23. *Be it enacted*, That the Board of Drainage Commissioners shall advertise for bids for the construction of the improvement either as a whole or in parts to be let to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, the board shall have the right to reject any or all bids and readvertise. They shall make such terms for payment with the contractor as they deem proper, and fix the amount of the contractor's bond which shall be given in favor of the Board of Drainage Commissioners.

SEC. 24. *Be it enacted*, That whenever any improvement constructed under this act is completed it shall be under the control and supervision of the Board of Drainage Commissioners. It shall be the duty of the said board to keep the levee, ditch, drain or water course in good repair, and for this purpose they may levy an assessment on the lands benefited by the construction of such improvement in the same manner and in the same proportion as the original assessments were made for an amount not to exceed twenty-five per cent. of the original assessment, and the fund that is collected shall be used for repairing and maintaining the ditch, drain or water course in perfect order. Provided, however, that if any repairs are made necessary by the act or negligence of the owner of any land through which such improvement is constructed or by the act or negligence of his agent or employee, or if the same is caused by the cattle, hogs or other stock of said owner, employee or agent, then the cost thereof shall be assessed and levied against the lands of said owner alone, to be collected by proper suit instituted by the Drainage Commissioners. It shall be unlawful for any person to injure or damage or obstruct or build any bridge, fence or floodgate in such a way as to injure or damage any levee, ditch, drain or water course constructed or improved under the provisions of this act, and any person causing such injury shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof may be fined in any sum not exceeding twice the damage or injury done or caused.