

1920, ch. 548.

886. The voters of any election district may provide for a special election district road fund by bonds or by an annual levy to be spent wholly within said election district for road and bridge purposes in the following manner: Upon the petition of fifty or more registered voters within any election district addressed to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, setting forth that they desire the voters of said district to vote upon the question as to whether or not there shall be a special district levy for road and bridge purposes, and shall further set forth in said petition the annual tax levy to be made which shall not exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars and the number of years to same is to be levied, which shall not exceed ten years or the amount of bonds desired to be issued, which shall not exceed five per cent. of the assessed value of the property within said district, and provided said petition is filed forty days before any general election, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall cause to be printed on the ballot for such election district at the next general election the proposition presented by such petition in substantially the following form: "For road tax of cents for years" and "Against road tax of cents for years," or if said petition be for the issuance of bonds "For \$. road bonds" and "Against \$. road bonds," using the figures set forth in the petition and providing a box opposite each line on the ballot as in the case of constitutional amendments. Not more than one proposition shall be presented at any general election and if more than one petition is filed with said Supervisors for any election district that proposition presented by the petition first filed shall be printed upon the ballot. The sample ballots relating to any such election district shall have printed upon them the substance of the petition as constitutional amendments are now required to be printed upon said ballots. The vote on said proposition shall be canvassed and returned as the vote on constitutional amendments are now canvassed and returned, except that the Board of Supervisors of Elections after final canvass shall certify the result of said vote to the County Commissioners of Prince George's County. If the result of such vote as so certified shall show a majority in favor of a special tax levy the County Commissioners shall annually thereafter levy against the property assessed for purposes of taxation within said election district the amount so voted upon and for the number of years so voted upon; and if the result of such vote as so certified show a majority in favor of a special bond issue the County Commissioners shall forthwith borrow upon the faith and credit of said county the sum so voted upon and shall issue bonds over their hands and seals maturing at such time and in such denominations, either registered or coupon, as they may determine bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent., payable semi-annually and shall sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, after due advertisement in such papers and for such time as they may determine. In order to pay the interest on said bonds and to provide for the payment at maturity the County Commissioners shall annually levy against the assessable property within such election district