

therefrom one at a time, without looking into said box, and the first twenty-two names drawn, with the foreman previously appointed, shall constitute the Grand Jury, and the remaining twenty-five names shall constitute the Petit Jury for said term of said court.

In force

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1878.

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CHAPTER 370.

AN ACT to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the bonded debt of Dorchester county.

Provide sinking fund.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Dorchester county be and they are hereby authorized and directed to levy each year upon the tax-payers of Dorchester county the sum of two thousand dollars, in addition to the ordinary expenses of said county, to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the bonded debt of said county.

Proceeds—how applied.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That such levy shall be made until said bonded debt is discharged and cancelled, and the proceeds shall, under the direction of said County Commissioners, be applied either to the purchasing and cancellation of the outstanding bonds of the county, or invested in first mortgage or prior judgment lien on real estate in Dorchester county, of, at least, double the assessed value of the investment made, as the said County Commissioners may find most favorable to the interests of said county, and to no other purpose whatever; but the said commissioners shall always purchase the bonds of the county at a price not exceeding par when the same are offered, in preference to investing said moneys raised as aforesaid; and when any of said bonds shall have been purchased they shall be de-

Bonds to be destroyed.