

Who to have
Jurisdiction.

first be made as aforesaid by petition, shall have exclusive jurisdiction of the subject matter, who shall thereupon appoint a board of three or more commissioners, to be composed of judicious and impartial freeholders, to be taken from the neighborhood or vicinity of said swamp or low lands, one of whom at least shall be taken from each of said adjoining counties where the swamp or low lands lie or are situated in two or more adjoining counties.

Tax for ad-
vantages de-
rived.

SEC. 70. *And be it enacted*, All persons through whose lands such ditch or ditches shall be located or laid out, or the water from whose lands by natural fall or otherwise shall drain into the same, and who shall desire benefit therefrom, shall contribute to the cost and expense of making the same, and the said commissioners shall adjudge whether and to what extent, if any, all such persons will derive benefit therefrom, and shall assess by way of tax upon such person or persons respectively a sum proportionate to the advantages which in their judgment such person or persons will derive therefrom.

Provide for
extension.

SEC. 72. *And be it enacted*, The said commissioners may adopt in the whole or as a part of the ditch or ditches to be located and laid out under this article, any ditch or ditches already made, cut or laid out, and shall in such case provide by assessment as aforesaid for their extension, straightening, enlargement and repair, and shall allow the owners thereof a fair compensation for the work already done on such ditch or ditches, to be paid by those benefited; provided that the said owner or owners of such ditch, so adopted in whole or in part, shall be taxed their just proportion of the cost of the whole ditch, or of the new and additional work.

Choose Board
of Managers.

SEC. 74. *And be it enacted*, The commissioners appointed under any order, original or of review, shall, within one month after the confirmation of their report, call together the taxables rated for such ditch or ditches at some convenient place near the swamp or low lands to be drained, for the purpose of choosing a board of two or more managers, and one treasurer, and in case said swamp or low lands lie in two or more adjoining counties, such Board of Man-