

County Commissioners will be negligible, thus necessitating a large increase in the real estate tax; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to designate, by Resolution, the type of coin-operated machines upon which the said gross receipts tax has been imposed by Resolution of said County Commissioners, or which may hereafter be imposed under the provisions of Chapter 601 of 1947, or any license fee authorized by this Act shall be imposed and that the type of machine or machines so designated by said County Commissioners shall be legal and lawful in said County, any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

The said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to impose, by Resolution, an annual license fee of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each machine so designated, in addition to the said gross receipts tax.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all Public General Laws or Public Local Laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That before the provisions of this Act shall become effective, the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County shall submit the question to the qualified voters of said County at a special election to be called by said County Commissioners for the date of Tuesday, December 9, 1947, at places to be designated by them. Notice of said election shall be given by publication in at least one newspaper printed and published in said County at least two weeks before said election. The ballots shall be prepared by said County Commissioners of said County and shall have printed on them a condensed summary of the provisions of this Act.

Printed on the said ballots shall also appear the words "For the License Fee" and "Against the License Fee", with a blank square opposite and to the right of each set of said words. The voter shall indicate his choice by making a cross mark (X) in one of said blank squares. The County Commissioners shall appoint the necessary officers to conduct the election with the usual pay for such duties.

If a majority of the persons voting on said question shall cast their ballots marked "For the License Fee", then this Act shall be immediately of full force and effect, but if a majority of the persons voting on said question shall cast their ballots marked "Against the License Fee", then this Act shall be void and of no effect and the said County Commissioners shall take no further action thereunder.