

Chapter 516.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to subscribe to the capital stock of turnpikes in said county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the county commissioners of Washington county be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to subscribe to the capital stock of turnpike companies organized subsequent to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, or hereafter to be organized, for the construction of turnpike roads in said county, in the name and for the benefit of said county, such sum or sums of money not to exceed in any case more than one half of the estimated cost of said turnpikes, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as are hereinafter set forth and prescribed.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That whenever any twelve citizens of said county, residents and taxpayers thereof, shall desire to construct a turnpike road over any public road-bed in said county, they shall petition the county commissioners for that purpose, setting forth that such turnpike is required for the use of the public, and the county commissioners shall thereupon appoint three discreet and competent residents and taxpayers of the district or districts through which said road is to be made, and who have a knowledge of the extent to which it is used, who shall, together with the surveyor of the county, examine said road and report to the county commissioners if said turnpike is required for the use of and the convenience of the public, together with the length and estimated cost per mile thereof; and if the said examiners shall so decide that the said turnpike is required for the public use, the county commissioners shall, in their discretion, subscribe to one half of the amount estimated as necessary to construct said turnpike whenever the said petitioners, or as many of them as shall be necessary, shall organize a company and obtain a charter, which shall be approved by the county commissioners, for building said turnpike under the general incorporation laws of the state, and shall exhibit to the said county commissioners a sub-

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