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ments, the balance to be paid by the said Mayor and Councilmen; that before said commissioners shall proceed to assess and levy said costs, they shall be given notice by handbills, to be conspicuously posted along the line of the proposed improvement, of the time and place, when and where said commissioners will sit, to determine such assessments, at which time and place all owners of property interested shall be entitled to appear and be heard in person or by counsel by said commissioners, on the question of said assessments and costs. And the Mayor and City Council may provide by appropriate ordinances for carrying out the provisions of this section. And the majority in interest of the owners of undivided interests in any piece of property are to be deemed the owners thereof for the purposes of this section.

LEVYING FOR GRADING, ETC.—HOW MADE A LIEN.

Levying for
grading, etc.

169. Whenever the Mayor and Councilmen shall levy any money on the owners of property in said city for grading, paving, sewerage, curbing and guttering and otherwise improving the streets, lanes or alleys of said city, or any of them, the sum so levied shall be a lien upon said property, provided the said Mayor and Councilmen shall, within sixty days after the completion of such grading, paving, sewerage or otherwise improving, cause to be filed with the clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany county, a statement showing the whole amount expended in such grading, paving, sewerage, curbing and guttering and otherwise improving, the names of the persons among whom said sum has been apportioned, and the amount apportioned to each, and a general description of the land owned by each of said parties, upon which said sums are intended to operate as a lien, and said statement shall constitute a lien on said property for three years and no longer, unless the same shall be revised and enforced by *scire facias*, as provided in the next succeeding section.

LIEN FOR GRADING, ETC.—HOW ENFORCIBLE.

Lien for grad-
ing, etc.

170. Said lien shall be enforceable by *scire facias*, issued out of the Circuit Court for Allegany county, in the same manner as mechanics' liens are now enforced by law, and upon such *scire facias* the defendant may rely upon any defense which would render the imposition of such tax void, or operate as a discharge thereof. The said *scire facias* may