

Appoint a
keeper.

for a term of two years by the joint action of the county commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, at a salary that may be agreed on between them; and the said bridge shall be kept in good repair, and the said keeper shall attend the draw thereof so as to admit the passage of steamboats, vessels and other water-craft through said draw-way at all proper hours, and said keeper may be appointed supervisor for the repair of said bridge or to superintend the repair thereof under the direction and authority of said county commissioners; and all the expenses of salary and repair as aforesaid shall be borne by said counties in the proportion of their respective ownerships in said bridge; and the amount necessary to keep said bridge in repair, and to pay the keeper's salary, shall be annually levied by said respective commissioners upon their respective counties in the proportions as aforesaid, and the liabilities of said respective counties for damages received shall be also in the proportions as aforesaid.

Submit to the
voters.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That as a preliminary and prerequisite to the exercise of the powers and authority hereby granted and conferred, the sense of the legal voters of the said respective counties shall be first taken and had thereto at an election to be held for the purpose in said respective counties on the day of the next ensuing presidential election in said counties, when the question shall be submitted to the legal voters of said respective counties as to whether or not the said bridge shall be made and become a free bridge under the provisions of this act; at said general election this question shall be submitted on separate ballots prepared for the purpose, endorsed "For a free bridge," or "Against a free bridge," and separate ballot-boxes shall be prepared for the purpose, which need not be of glass, and if a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be "For a free bridge," then, and not before, the county commissioners of Kent county shall be authorized to carry into effect the provisions of this law; and if a majority of all the legal votes cast at said election in Queen Anne's county shall be "For a free bridge," then, and