

dangerous, and inconvenient, and inadequate for the present volume of traffic across the said stream; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Wicomico County be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to erect and maintain a substantial bridge, safe for travel by pedestrians, teams and vehicles, across Wetipquin Creek, in Wicomico County, Maryland, at the point where the ferry is now operated across said creek in said county, within eighteen months from the passage of this Act, subject to such conditions and limitations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said County Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to advertise in such newspapers as they deem best for bids, to erect such bridge as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and requirements of this Act.

All bids submitted for the erection of the said bridge shall be accompanied by plans and specifications for the same, and the County Commissioners shall have the right to reject any and all bids received by them. In case all bids are rejected, said County Commissioners may contract for the erection of the said bridge, without further advertising.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Wicomico County, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to levy on the property of Wicomico County, subject to taxation for other county purposes whatever sum of money may be requisite to pay the expenses incurred in and about the planning and advertising and negotiating for the said bridge, and the cost of the said bridge, the said taxes so levied to be a lien on property in said county as other county taxes are now, and to be collected by the Treasurer of the said county as other taxes are now collected; provided that the said County Commissioners may levy all or such part of the amount required for said purpose in any one year, as they deem best; the whole to be levied in not more than three years.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage, being hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

Approved April 10th, 1918.