

property so subject to the levy such sums as may be necessary for the support and maintenance of the county government.

To provide for the prompt collection of all taxes due the county, and for the sale of real estate, as well as leasehold and personal property, for the payment of the same.

To rectify errors in the assessment of property; to provide for the reduction or abatement of assessments improperly made, and for the reimbursement of moneys paid in consequence of such errors.

(Q) *Bonds or Evidences of Indebtedness.*

To provide for the borrowing, on the faith and credit of the County, and for the corporate uses of the County, of any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate with any outstanding bonds seven per centum upon the assessable basis of such County, and to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness for the same, in such sums and payable at such times as may be prescribed; provided that any bond issue or borrowing of money in any one year in excess of one-fourth of one per cent. of the assessable basis shall be submitted to the voters of the county for approval under regulations to be prescribed.

(R) *County Officers.*

To provide for the appointment and removal of all County officers except those whose appointment or election is provided for by the Constitution or Public General Law, and to establish a merit system, if deemed desirable, in connection with the appointment of all County officials and employees not elected or appointed under the Constitution and the Public General Laws; to fix the qualifications and term of office of such County executive authority as may be established, and to fix its compensation.

(S) *Protection of County Credit.*

To prevent the credit of the County in any manner being given or loaned to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation.

(T) *Amendment of County Charter.*

To pass any ordinance facilitating the amendment of the County Charter by vote of the electors of the County and agreeable to Article XI-A of the Constitution.