

said county are collectible and collected, and when collected the said special tax shall be applied, as hereinbefore provided, to the payment of the said bonds as they severally mature, and the interest thereon semi-annually, when and as hereinbefore provided; which said bonds and coupons when issued, as herein provided, shall be non-contestable for any cause whatsoever, and shall be exempt from all taxes, county and municipal, levied in Dorchester County.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That none of the preceding sections of this Act shall go into effect unless at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in the year nineteen hundred and ten, a majority of the qualified voters of Dorchester County, casting their votes upon this question, shall vote in favor of the said foregoing provisions of this Act, the said ticket to be voted to be printed on the congressional ballot to be used at said election, the said ballot to be used at said election to have printed on them "for the issue of bonds" and "against the issue of bonds," and shall be counted and returned as other election returns are counted and made.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That as soon as practicable after the passage of this Act, the County Commissioners of Dorchester County be, and they are hereby, authorized, empowered and directed to employ an expert engineer for the purpose of ascertaining the feasibility and costs of the proposed canal, and, if necessary, making a survey thereof; and the said County Commissioners are hereby further authorized and directed to publish, at least one month before the election to be held as aforesaid on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in the year nineteen hundred and ten, in one or more newspapers published in said county, the report in full of said engineer so employed by them under this Section of this Act; and for the purposes aforesaid the said County Commissioners are hereby further authorized, empowered and directed to expend out of the general funds of said county, not otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars; and nothing in this, the eleventh section of this Act, shall be affected by the result of said election provided for in Section ten of this Act.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1910.