

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That after the passage of this Act, the County Commissioners of Wicomico and Worcester Counties are hereby fully empowered to take such steps as they may deem proper to drain the lands along the upper waters of the Pocomoke River in said two counties by clearing out and deepening the bed of said River, where it runs through said swamp lands and by causing to be cut proper drains into said River through said lands, so as to drain the same.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That before undertaking said work said County Commissioners of Worcester County shall select a suitable engineer and the County Commissioners of Wicomico County shall likewise select a suitable engineer and said two engineers shall jointly proceed to lay out a swamp district in each of said counties and ascertain the number of acres of land in said swamp district and also the number of acres in each county and shall make suitable plots of the same and shall lay off the swamp land in each county into divisions or zones according to the benefits it will receive, in their judgment, from said drainage and the total cost in their judgment of draining said land.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That before beginning said work the County Commissioners of each of said Counties, shall adopt said report with full power in them to amend, adopt, or reject said report and plans or to modify the same in such manner as they may deem proper.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That after the adoption of suitable plans for doing said work, the County Commissioners of the two Counties shall advertise for bids in whole or in part for doing said work and shall award the Contract for doing said work to the lowest responsible bidder and shall require each bidder to specify the time required for said work and shall require the bidder to whom the contract is awarded to give bond for the faithful performance of his contract according to said plans and specifications, and may have such assistance as they may deem proper to see that said contract is properly performed.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners of each of said Counties are hereby fully authorized and empowered to levy in their respective Counties upon the swamp lands and lands drained in each district, such sum of money as may be necessary to pay each county's proportion in pay-