

mission shall cause to be made an estimate of the cost of construction of each of said lateral roads, and shall notify the County Commissions or other levying authority in each of said counties on or before January 1st in each year, of the estimated cost of such roads to be built in said counties in the next year. It shall be the duty of the proper authorities in each county to provide by assessing a tax upon the taxable basis of said county, or by borrowing upon the faith and credit of said county, or by special assessments and benefits assessed upon the property especially benefitted by said road, or by levying a tax upon the property within a special assessment district created for the purpose, or by a combination of two or more of these methods, or in any manner which, in their discretion, is proper, lawful and equitable, to raise during said year one-half of the cost of the construction of the lateral roads to be built within the limits of such county, the duty of raising said amount being hereby made mandatory upon the proper authorities of each of said counties and subject to enforcement by mandamus at the instance of the State Roads Commission. Full power and authority is hereby granted to the County Commissioners or other lawfully constituted authorities of each and every county to raise said money in any of the ways hereinbefore set out, and in case they decide to raise the same by borrowing upon the faith and credit of the county, they are authorized to issue the bonds or certificates of indebtedness of said county to the extent of the amount so needed upon such terms and conditions and with such rate of interest and with such dates of maturity as to them may seem best. The lateral road money raised by each and every county as hereinbefore provided shall be paid to the State Roads Commission at such time and in such amounts and under such guarantees as the said State Roads Commission shall from time to time determine.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the State Roads Commission is hereby authorized and directed to ask for bids and enter into contracts in the usual form for the construction of such rural post roads or lateral roads as it may from time to time, under the provisions hereof, determine to construct, said contracts to be made in the name of the State Roads Commission and to contain the same provisions now required by law for contracts for the building of State roads. The term "rural post road" as used herein, provided it shall not