

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the State Roads Commission shall, immediately after the going into effect of this Act, and not later than May 1, 1924, by using the same ratio which the public road mileage of the respective counties bears to the entire public road mileage in the counties of the State, ascertain each county's proportionate part of the proceeds to be derived from the sale of the bonds or certificates of indebtedness to be dated June 15, 1924, and herein appropriated for the construction of lateral roads, and shall immediately and not later than May 1, 1924, notify the County Commissioners of the several counties of the amount, thus ascertained, which has been appropriated from the proceeds of the sale of bonds to be dated June 15, 1924, to each of the counties, respectively, for lateral road purposes. It shall thereupon be the duty of the proper authorities of 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 benefited 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 by any manner which in their discretion is lawful and equitable, for the raising, during said year, of a sum of money equal to the proportionate amount appropriated to said county as aforesaid. The duty of raising the said amount to be furnished by each of said counties is hereby made mandatory upon the proper authorities of the respective 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 credit and faith 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 times and in such amounts, and under such guarantees as the State Roads Commission shall from time to time determine. If the County Commissioners of any county shall have fixed the county tax levy for such county for the year 1924 prior to May 1, 1924, and said Board of Commissioners