

ers abutting the proposed improvements and chargeable with the cost thereof, shall, within one week from said notice, file a petition in writing with the Mayor and Town Council duly signed by said majority of owners, requesting a different kind of improvement, in which event, the Mayor and Town Council shall forthwith adopt the improvement requested in said petition, and thereafter, as soon as practicable, begin, and with all possible expedition, complete said proposed improvements.

SEC. 4. In all cases where the sidewalk, curb, gutter, road-bed and street improvements proposed to be done, shall, according to the estimated cost thereof, exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, the Mayor and Town Council shall do the work by contract, and for such purpose shall invite bids or proposals for said work by advertisement for two weeks in some newspaper printed in Prince George's County, and by posting a notice in five conspicuous places in said town, and the Mayor and Town Council shall, in all cases, award the contract for such work to the lowest responsible bidder therefor, reserving at all times the right to reject any and all bids received. All contractors shall give bond in such sum as the Mayor and Town Council shall require, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by them, for the faithful performance of their contract.

SEC. 5. This Act shall not become effective unless and until it shall be submitted to the qualified voters living within the prescribed limits of said town of Edmonston, and accepted by a majority of said voters at an election to be provided for by the Mayor and Town Council, who shall have full power and authority to appoint the judges and clerk of election and make such arrangements and regulations as shall be necessary to afford a referendum on the question, and conduct the election, which shall be held on a date to be fixed by them after the passage of this Act. The manner of submission of the question to the voters shall be that on the ballots at such election there shall be printed the words "For Improvements," with a blank square opposite at the right, and the words "Against Improvements" with a blank square opposite at the right, and all qualified voters desiring to vote for the provisions of this Act shall place a cross mark (X) in the square opposite the words "For Improvements," and all qualified voters desiring to vote against the provisions of this Act shall put a cross mark