

*tion records the persons within the area proposed to be annexed who are qualified as voters in county elections. From such list, the Board shall conduct the referendum as herein provided. On the date and at the places specified, the question to be determined shall be submitted to a referendum election of the persons who reside in the area to be affected and who are registered as voters in county elections. The ballots or the voting machines, as the case may be, shall contain a summary of the question with suitable provision for the voter to indicate a choice for or against it. If a majority of the persons voting on the question shall vote in favor of the proposal, it shall become authorized as proposed on the fourteenth day following the referendum. If not, the proposal shall be void and of no further effect whatsoever. The County Board of Supervisors of Elections shall promptly notify the Board of County Commissioners of the results of the referendum. All expenses incidental to the holding of the referendum shall be charged to and paid by the Board of County Commissioners.*

(K) IN ASSESSING THE COST FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES HEREIN PROVIDED IN SUB-SECTIONS (A), (C) AND (E), THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ASSESS AGAINST THE ABUTTING PROPERTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS PROVIDED IN SUB-SECTION (A) ON A FRONT FOOT BASIS AS HEREIN PROVIDED AND AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE AREAS AFFECTED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SUB-SECTIONS (C) AND (E) ON AN AD VALOREM OR UNIT OF SERVICE TAX BASIS AS HEREIN PROVIDED AND COLLECT FROM THE OWNERS THEREOF THE ENTIRE COST OF CONSTRUCTING ROADBEDS, ALLEYS, CURBS, SIDEWALKS, GUTTERS AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE COST OF STREET AND PUBLIC ALLEY INTERSECTIONS AND SYSTEMS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SURFACE WATERS; ALL CONSTRUCTION COSTS, EXCAVATION COSTS, COST OF PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS, ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, ENGINEERING FEES, ATTORNEY FEES, OPERATION COSTS AND ALL OTHER COSTS INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION COSTS OF THE ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED. AT NO TIME SHALL THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPEND GENERAL FUNDS OR ALLOCATE MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF MARYLAND, OR ANY OTHER AGENCY, IN THE CARRYING OUT OF THE POWERS OF THIS ACT EXCEPT AS HEREINBEFORE PROVIDED; AND IN THE EVENT IN ANY ONE YEAR THE AD VALOREM TAX OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OR UNIT OF SERVICE TAX LEVIED IS INSUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST MATURITIES OF ANY BONDS, NOTES OR CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-SECTION (I), AND GENERAL FUNDS ARE USED AS HEREINBEFORE PROVIDED, THEN AND IN THAT EVENT THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE AD VALOREM TAX OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OR UNIT OF SERVICE TAX LEVIED SHALL BE INCREASED IN THE AREA SERVED TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO REIMBURSE THE GENERAL FUNDS USED THE PREVIOUS YEAR.