

AND A CORRESPONDING SQUARE OR BOX TO THE RIGHT OF AND OPPOSITE THE WORDS "AGAINST....." SO THAT THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY SHALL BE ABLE TO DESIGNATE HIS OR HER DECISION FOR OR AGAINST THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST IN SAID ELECTION SHALL BE "FOR....." THEN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE, BUT IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTION SHALL BE "AGAINST....." THEN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT AND SHALL BE NULL AND VOID.

SEC. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2 HEREIN THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 597

(Senate Bill 585)

AN ACT to add a new Section 2A to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 2 thereof, to authorize the County Commissioners of any county in the State to provide for electric lighting along streets, lanes, alleys, and public ways and to enter into agreements for the installation, maintenance and operation of such electric lighting; to provide for payment therefor by establishing special taxing districts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section 2A be and it is hereby added to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 2 thereof and to read as follows:

2A. *Electric Lighting—Special Taxing Districts*

The County Commissioners of every county in the State, in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which may have been or may hereafter be granted them, shall have the power to provide for electric lighting along all or any part of the streets, lanes, alleys and public ways of the county, and to enter into agreements with any person, partnership or corporation for the installation, maintenance and operation of electric lighting. The costs of electric lighting provided under the authority of this section shall be paid by ad valorem taxes levied upon the property within the area to be served by the electric lighting. An electric lighting district may be created by the County Commissioners upon receipt of a petition signed by the owners of more than sixty per centum (60%) of the PROPERTY OWNERS assessed valuation of the real property within the proposed district. The petition shall describe the boun-