

(b) In order to establish the location of such crossings and their approaches thereby permitting orderly land development and to permit the acquisition of necessary rights-of-way for such projects at the minimum cost to the State, the State Roads Commission is hereby authorized to perform or have performed preliminary engineering for a crossing of the bay generally parallel to the existing Chesapeake Bay Bridge, a crossing of the bay between Millers Island in Baltimore County and a point in Kent County, a crossing of the bay between Calvert County and Dorchester County, and a second [tunnel] crossing across the Baltimore Harbor and the approaches thereto of each of such crossings. The Commission is further authorized to perform or have performed such engineering and other services as are necessary to enable it to acquire the right-of-way for such projects and is authorized to acquire such right-of-way. In order to pay the cost of such engineering and other services and to pay the cost of such right-of-way the Commission is authorized to issue revenue bonds as authorized in Section 120(a) hereof, or the Commission may pay such costs, or parts thereof, from its Construction Fund or other appropriate funds and be reimbursed therefor upon the sale of such revenue bonds. As to contracts which are not let by competitive bidding procedures, the State Roads Commission shall not make any contract for engineering, architectural, or construction studies or work under the provisions of this section without the prior approval of the Board of Public Works.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6, 1971.

CHAPTER 9

(Senate Bill 5)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 41 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Electrical Voting Machine: Operation by nonmember prohibited," providing that any person not a member of the General Assembly who operates the electrical voting machine mechanism belonging to any member so as to cast a vote shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 41 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Electrical Voting Machine: Operation by nonmember prohibited," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: