

served by the electric lighting. [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN electric lighting district may be created by the county commissioners upon receipt of a petition signed by 60 percent of the property owners within the proposed district. The petition shall describe the boundaries of the area proposed to be created as the district. Upon receipt of the petition, the county commissioners shall hold a public hearing at which time the residents and taxpayers within the proposed electric lighting district shall be given an opportunity to be heard. This hearing shall be held not less than 14 days nor more than 60 days following receipt of the petition and notice of this hearing shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the proposed electric lighting district is to be located. Following this hearing the county commissioners may establish the electric lighting district and levy on all property which is subject to ordinary county taxes and is located within the district ad valorem taxes at a rate sufficient to pay the cost thereof. All such taxes shall be levied in the same manner, upon the same assessments, for the same period or periods, and as of the same date or dates of finality as are now or may hereafter be prescribed.

(b) In Somerset County, the cost of electric lighting provided pursuant to the provisions of this section may be paid by a tax levied only on parcels of property with improvements. The tax shall be levied equally on all parcels of property with improvements within the district.

(C) IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, AN ELECTRIC LIGHTING DISTRICT MAY BE CREATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UPON RECEIPT OF A PETITION SIGNED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE PROPOSED DISTRICT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 17, 1988.

CHAPTER 376

(House Bill 135)

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County - Evictions - Personal Property Placed
on or Near Public Highway

~~FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners in
Carroll County to move certain personal property of a tenant~~