Public Local Laws

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1920, and operative in Kent County, Maryland.

CHAPTER 86.

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Kent County, to provide for the building of a Public School House in Still Pond, Maryland, and to issue Bonds to pay for same, and to levy an annual sum to pay such Bonds and the interest thereon as they mature and to appoint a Committee for the building and equipping of said Public School House.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the County Commissioners of Kent County are hereby authorized and directed to borrow on the credit of said County, an amount not exceeding Seventeen Thousand Dollars ($17,000.00) and to issue Coupon Bonds therefor in sums of not less than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), to be signed by the President of said Board of County Commissioners and countersigned by the Clerk thereof, and under the Corporate Seal of said Board of County Commissioners, to be designated as Still Pond Public School Bonds, bearing interest at a fixed rate to be fixed by the County Commissioners of Kent County not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of August and the first day of February of each year, which Bonds shall be exempt from all State, County and Municipal taxation in Kent County and the due or over due Coupons for interest shall be received by the Treasurer of said County in payment of County taxes. Said Bonds shall bear date of August 1, in 1920, and be payable in sums of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) in each of the years beginning with August 1, 1921, and each year thereafter until fully paid; said Bonds to be numbered consecutively and to be redeemed in the order which they are numbered.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the County Commissioners of Kent County are hereby authorized and directed to advertise at least once a week for four successive weeks in two Newspapers published in Kent County and once a week for four successive weeks in a Newspaper published in Baltimore City for Sealed Proposals for the negotiation of said Bonds and on a certain day to be named in said advertisements, said County Commissioners shall, in their office in the Court House, in Chestertown, open all bids received and award the said Bonds to the highest bidder, provided no bid less than Par shall be accepted.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the County Commissioners of Kent County shall in each and every year levy upon the assessable property in Kent County, such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the interest on said Bonds as said interest shall become due, and also to levy such sums in addition, as may be required to pay or redeem said Bonds as the same mature from time to time until all said Bonds shall have been paid.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the proceeds of the sale of said Bonds shall be paid over to the Commission, hereinafter to be named and to be known as The Still Pond Public School Commission, to be used and applied by said Commission in the purchase of a suitable site of such quantity of land as said Commission may deem necessary (if any shall be necessary) and in the building and equipping of the public School House in Still Pond; and the said proceeds shall be paid out for the purposes mentioned in this Act, under the direction and control of said Commission and upon the written Order of a majority of said Commission.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That Joseph W. Howard, William Medders, Stanley W. Matthews, F. Baynard Harper, Sewell S. Hepburn and Edward J. Clarke, be and they are hereby created and constituted The Still Pond Public School Commission, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, relating to the selection of a site and the building and equipping of said Public School House in Still Pond, with all the power and discretion herein mentioned, and the Board of Education for Kent County is hereby authorized and directed to fill by appointment any vacancy which may occur in The Still Pond Public School Commission by death, failure to qualify, resignation or otherwise.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That immediately upon the Sale of the Bonds, provided for by the Act, the aforesaid Commission shall proceed to secure a proper site for said Public School House (if the said Commission shall deem the purchase of said site as necessary); and shall proceed to secure proper plans for said Public School House; and after the securement and adoption of proper plans and specifications, which shall be left with the Superintendent of the Board of Education for Kent County for Public inspection, the aforesaid Commission shall advertise at least once a week for four successive weeks in two newspapers published in Kent County, Maryland, for bids for the Construction of said Public School House and shall award the Contract to the lowest responsible bidder, who will enter into contract and execute a sufficient Bond with approved security for the the erection and completion of said Public School House, the said Commission, however, to have full power in its discretion to reject any and all bids and to advertise for other bids.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That the aforesaid Commission shall have the power to have condemned such quantity of land as they may deem necessary in order to carry out the provisions of this Act under the provisions of Chapter 463 of the Acts of The General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January session of 1914.

Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That the members of the Still Pond Public School Commission before entering upon the discharge of the duties imposed upon said Commission by the provisions of this Act, shall collectively as such Commission give Bond in the penalty of Seventeen Thousand Dollars ($17,000.00), which Bond shall be given to The State of Maryland with security to be approved by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland, with the condition that the obligors shall well and faithfully execute the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of this Act, and after the erection and completion of the aforesaid Public School House, the said Commission shall turn over to the Board of County Commissioners for Kent County all sums of money and property, if there be any remaining in their hands. The Bond provided for by this Act shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland, and be recording said Bond together with the premium paid a Surety Company therefore, if a Corporation Bond is obtained shall be paid out of the funds in the hands of said Commission.

Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That the aforesaid Commission before purchasing its site, if any is necessary to be purchased, and before contracting for the building of said Public School House, may set aside and reserve out of the funds which they shall receive from the County Commissioners for Kent County, as hereinbefore provided, such sums as may be deemed necessary for the equipment of said public School House, including costs of heating and lighting same.

Approved April 16, 1920.

ALBERT C. RITCHIE, Governor.

MILLARD E. TYDINGS, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

WILLIAM I. NORRIS, President of the Senate.

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ALBERT J. ALMONY, Chief Clerk of the House.

CHAPTER NO. 420.

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact Section 2 of Chapter 173 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1906.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 2 of Chapter 173 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1906, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The County Commissioners of Kent County shall annually on or before the first day of January 1921 and every year thereafter, pay over to the Commissioners of Millington that proportion of the entire County Levy for roads and bridges which one-half of the total property assessed within the limits of Millington bears to the whole amount of assessed property of Kent County, so that the Commissioners of Millington may receive and disburse the said amount for the purpose of keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of said Town of Millington:

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of passage.

Approved April 16, 1920.

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E. R. CROTHERS, Secretary.

CHAPTER 716

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to add one new section to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Kent County," sub-title "County Commissioners," to follow Section 79-C, and to be designated 79-D.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That one new section be added to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Kent County," sub-title "County Commissioners," to follow Section 79-C, to be designated Section 79-D, and to read as follows:

79-D. That as additional compensation, the County Commissioners of Kent County, shall each be paid the sum of Two Hundred ($200.00) Dollars per annum for each two years, beginning on the first day of June, 1920.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of June, 1920.

Approved April 16, 1920.

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CHAPTER 174

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title, "Kent County," under a new sub-title, "Orphans' Court," providing for the amount of the per diem to be received by the Judges of the Orphans' Court of Kent County, for their attendance upon the session of said Court and for the mileage to be received by said Judges in going to and returning from said sessions, said new section to follow immediately after section 166 of said Article 15 and to be known and designated as Section 166A, and to repeal all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, solely to the extent that said Acts or parts of Acts affect the amount of the per diem and mileage to be received by the Judges of the Orphans' Court of Kent County, for their attendance upon the sessions of said Court.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that a new Section be and the same is hereby added to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title, "Kent County," under a new sub-title, "Orphans' Court," said new Section to follow immediately after Section 166 of said Article 15, and to be known and designated as Section 166A and to read as follows:

166A. The Judges of the Orphans' Court of Kent County, shall each receive the sum of seven dollars ($7.00) for every day's attendance upon the sessions of said Court, to be paid by the County Commissioners of said Kent County in quarterly payments, and in addition thereto there shall be paid to the said Judges the sum of (5c) per mile for each mile traveled by them going to and returning from the said Sessions of said Orphans' Court, to be paid by the said County Commissioners of Kent County, upon the Certificates of the Register of Wills for said County; provided, that no Judge of said Court shall receive in any one year as compensation for his services and mileage as allowed thereunder a sum exceeding Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00.)

Section 2. And be it enacted, That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed, solely to the extent that said acts or parts of acts affect the amount of the per diem to be received by the Judges of the Orphans' Court of Kent County for their attendance upon the sessions of said Court, and the mileage to be received by said Judges in going to and returning from said session.

Section 3. And be it enacted, that this Act shall take effect on the first day of June, 1920.

Approved April 16, 1920.

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CHAPTER 411

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 167-C of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Kent County," sub-title "Roads," as amended by Chapter 304 of the Acts of 1916.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 167-C of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Kent County," sub-title "Roads," as amended by Chapter 304 of the Acts of 1916, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

Section 167-C. The County Commissioners of Kent County shall on the first day of June, 1916, or as soon thereafter as possible, appoint some competent person who shall have a sufficient knowledge of civil engineering to enable him to accurately make surveys, plats, profiles and specifications for the grading, draining, maintenance, repairs and reconstruction of the public roads of said County, and also to do the necessary engineering work for the building or re-building of bridges, and who shall have at least three years' experience in road engineering work, and who shall be approved as a competent road engineer by the State Roads Commission of Maryland and by the Chief Engineer thereof, to be County Road Engineer for Kent County for the term of four years, at a salary of seventeen hundred ($1,700.00) dollars a year, payable monthly, and the said County Road Engineer shall hold his office and be paid for his services from the day he enters upon his duties, unless removed for cause, as hereinafter provided; and the said County Commissioners shall make such appointments without reference whatever to the political opinions of the persons so appointed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of June, 1920.

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CHAPTER 417.

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Trustees of the Alms House of Kent County, Maryland, to sell, either at public or private sale, and convey, the farm held by said Trustees.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Trustees of the Almshouse of Kent County, Maryland, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, for such consideration as they may deem proper, to sell, either at public or private sale, and convey by deed, all that farm or tract of land situate on the public road in Kent County, Maryland, running northward from Lankford to the State Road, and adjoining the lands of I. R. Leaverton, J. Walter Skirven, and the Camp Meeting Grounds, and now in the tenancy of J. Bayard Sutton; containing 320 acres of land, more or less, reserving that portion of the farm now used for the purposes of the Almshouse, including about 10 acres of land, more or less.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 16, 1920.

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CHAPTER 415

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal Chapter 532 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "An Act directing the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland, to pay a sum of money to the Town Commissioners of Galena, Kent County, Maryland, for the improvement of streets of said Town," as enacted by Chapter 532 of the Acts of 1906.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Chapter 532 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "An Act directing the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland, to pay a sum of money to the Town Commissioners of Galena, Kent County, Maryland, for the improvement of streets of said Town, as enacted by Chapter 532 of the Acts of 1906 of the General Assembly of Maryland, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 16, 1920.

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E. R. CROTHERS, Secretary.

CHAPTER 558

AN ACT to repeal Section 217-A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Kent County," sub-title, "Wild Fowl," as enacted by Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1904 and Chapter 611 of the Acts of 1912; to repeal Chapter 337 of the Acts of 1918; to repeal and re-enact with Amendments Section 217 of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," sub-title, "Wild Fowl," as amended by Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1904; to repeal and re-enact with Amendments Section 217-B of the Code of Public Local Laws, title, "Kent County," sub-title, "Wild Fowl," as amended by Chapter 863 of the Acts of 1914; to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 218 of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title, "Kent County," sub-title, "Wild Fowl," and to add Nine new Sections to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," sub-title "Wild Fowl," to follow Section 217 and to be designated Sections 217-A, 217B, 217-C, 217-D, 217-E, 217-F, 217-G, 217-H and 217-I.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 217-A of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title, "Kent County," sub-title, "Wild Fowl," as enacted by Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1904 and Chapter 611 of the Acts of 1912, be and the same is hereby repealed; that Chapter 337 of the Acts of 1918 be and the same is hereby repealed; that Section 217 of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title, "Kent County," sub-title, "Wild Fowl," as amended by Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1904, Section 217-B of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title, "Kent County," sub-title, "Wild Fowl," as amended by Chapter 863 of the Acts of 1914, and Section 218 of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title, "Kent County," sub-title, "Wild Fowl," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with Amendments, and that nine new sections to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title, "Kent County," sub-title, "Wild Fowl," and to follow Section 217 and to be known as Sections 217-A, 217-B, 217-C, 217-D, 217-E, 217-F, 217-G, 217-H and 217-I, be and the same are hereby enacted and added to said Article 15 as follows:

217-B. It shall be lawful to shoot person to shoot at or shoot any Water Fowl in Kent County, flying above their feeding grounds or elsewhere over the Waters of Kent County, from Vessels, Boats, Floats, Canoes, or Crafts of any kind, except as is otherwise permitted in this Article and except in such cases where it may be necessary to chase and shoot any such Wild Fowl which have been previously shot and crippled in a lawful manner.

217-A. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, shoot at or shoot any wild fowl, Otters, Muskrats or any other Water Animals, by the use of any light of any character in any of the Waters of Kent County.

217-B. It shall be unlawful to shoot at or shoot any Wild Fowl over the Waters of Chester River and its tributaries in the jurisdiction of Kent County, above a line drawn from Cliff City to Spaniards Point daily in every week during the open season.

217-C. It shall be lawful, however, for any resident of Kent County, on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays of every Week during the open season to shoot at or shoot Wild Fowl in Comegys Bight, a tributary of the Chester River, in Kent County, from a sink box and from a Stick or Floating Blind, and from any boat or float placed in such stick or floating blind, provided such Sink Box, Stick or Floating Blind shall be anchored, tied or erected at a greater distance than 400 yards from shore, and it shall not be lawful to erect, tie or anchor such stick or floating Blind withing 400 yards of one already erected, tied or anchored, in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Any person or Club before shooting from such Sink Box, Stick or Floating Blind must first obtain a License therefor from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kent County and shall pay the sum of Twenty Dollars ($20,00) for such Sink Box License and the sum of Five Dollars ($5.00) for such stick or floating Blind license.

217-D. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County, upon application of any bona fide resident of Kent County, being the owner of a sink box, stick or floating blind and desiring to obtain a License to use either one of the same for shooting wild fowl in the waters of Comegys Bight as aforesaid, shall grant a License under the seal of the Circuit Court for Kent County to such applicant, specifying the name and residence of the Applicant, the name or number of the sink box, stick or floating blind, the waters embraced in said License, the penalty for its violation and the time for which such said License is issued; and shall be entitled to charge and receive Fifty Cents (50c) for issuing the same; provided that at the time of the issuing the same said applicant shall pay to said Clerk the License fee as prescribed in Section 217-C.

217-E. Every applicant for a License shall be required to make oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County that he is a bona fide resident of Kent County and that he will obey and comply with all the provisions of Section 217-C and 217D; and every person to whom such License may be granted shall be required to paint the number or name of his sink box or stick or floating blind on some prominent part thereof to correspond with the number or name in said License, and no person shall use or employ any sink box, stick or floating blind of any description whatever for the purpose of shooting Wild water fowl therefrom in the waters described in Section 217-C, without such license to so use and employ said sink box, stick or floating blind, having first been obtained.

217-F. It shall be lawful however to shoot at or shoot any Wild Water Fowl from a sink box and from a stick or floating blind and from any boat or float placed in such stick or floating blind anchored, erected or tied in or on the Chester River within the jurisdistion of Kent County between "The Narrows" which separate Eastern Neck Island from Eastern Neck Island on the Bay side and Bogles Wharf on the Chester River side; provided such sink box, stick or floating blind be anchored, erected or tied off of, out from or opposite a shore owned, leased or rented by the person or Club operating such a sink box, stick or floating blind. Any person or Club before shooting from such sink box, stick or floating blind must first obtain a License therefor from the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County and shall pay the sum of Twenty Dollars ($20.00) for sink box License and the sum of Five Dollars ($5.00) for such stick or floating Blind License.

217-G. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County, upon the application of any bona fide resident of said Kent County, being the owner of any sink box, stick or floating blind desiring to obtain a License to use the same for shooting Wild Water Fowl in the waters described in Section 217-F, shall grant a License under the seal of the Circuit Court for Kent County to such applicant, specifying the name and residence of the applicant, the name or number of the sink box, stick or floating Blind, the waters embraced in said License and the shore off of, out from and opposite which the said sink box, stick or floating blind will be used, the penalty for its violation and the time for which said License is issued, and shall be entitled to charge and receive Fifty Cents (50c) for issuing the same, provided that at the time of issuing the same said applicant shall pay the said Clerk the License Fee as specified in Section 217-F.

217-H. Every applicant, for a License, under Section 217-F, shall be required to make oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County that he is a bona fide resident of Kent County and that he is the owner, leaser or renter of the shore off of, out from and opposite which said sink box, stick or floating blind is desired to be used and that he will obey and comply with all the provision of Section 217-F and Section 217-G; and every person to whom such License may be granted shall be required to paint the number or name of his sink box, stick or floating blind on a prominent part thereof to correspond with the number or name in said License, and no person shall use or employ any sink box, stick or floating blind of any description whatever for the purpose of shooting at Wild Water Fowl therefrom in the waters described in Section 217-F, without such license to so use and employ said sink box, stick or floating blind having first been obtained.

217-I. The time for shooting Water Fowl in and over the Waters of Kent County shall be from the 1st day of November to the 15th day of March, both inclusive, in each and every year.

218. Any person violating any of the provisions of Sections 217-A, 217-B, 217-C, 217-D, 217-F, 217-G, 217-H and 217-I, shall, upon conviction, thereof, before any Justice of the Peace for Kent County, be fined not less than Ten Dollars ($10.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars ($50.00) or be imprisoned in the County jail for not less than thirty days or until such fine and costs are paid, but any party against whom any Justice of the Peace may render a Judgment under this Section may at any time within ten day thereafter appeal from such judgment to the Circuit Court for Kent County in the same manner as appeals are taken in other criminal cases.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed, solely to the extent that such acts or parts of acts affect the provisions of this Act.

Section 3. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the 1st day of June, 1920.

Approved April 16, 1920.

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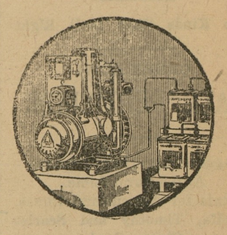

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