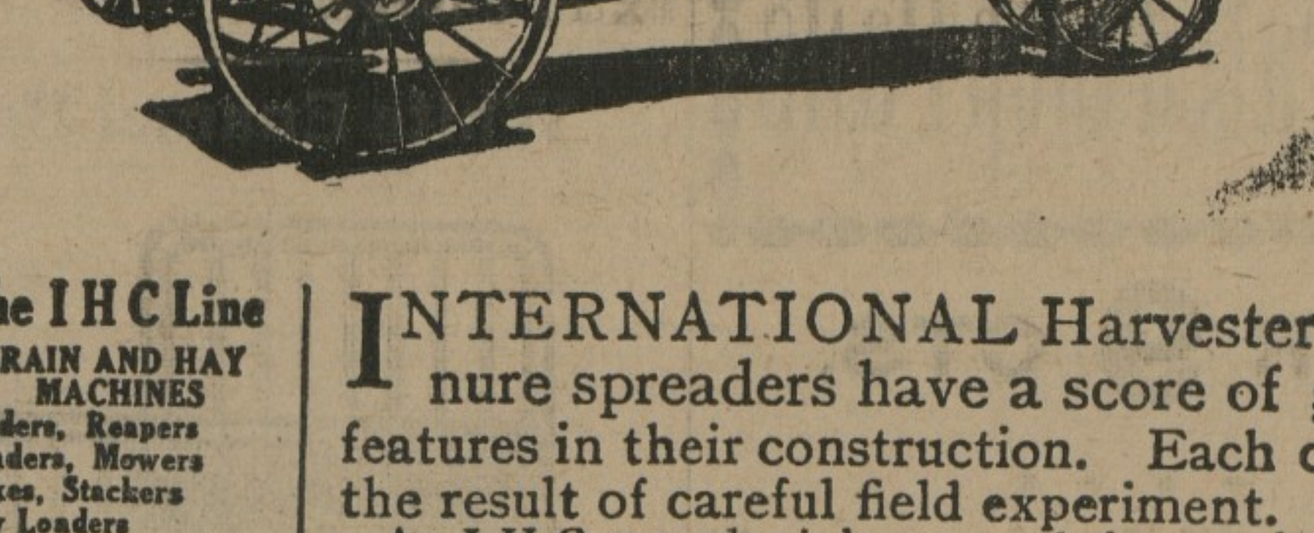
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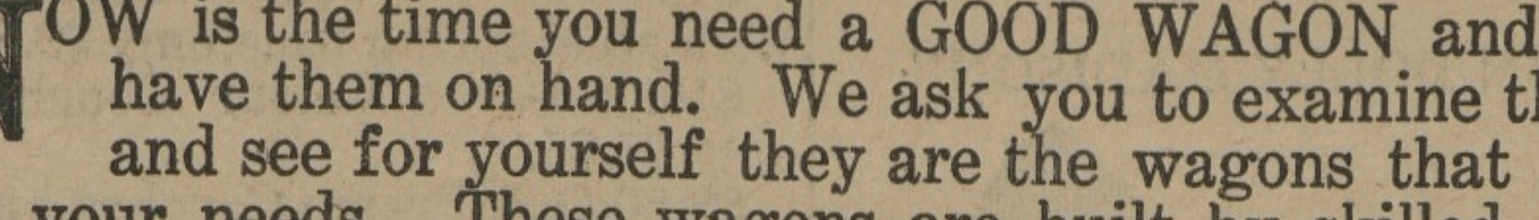
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Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1914, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

CHAPTER 106.

AN ACT to add six Sections to Article 15, Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Kent County," sub-title "Jurors," to be known and numbered as Sections 138 A, 139 A, 140 A, 141 A, 142 A and 143 A, relating to the drawing of Jurors in said County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That six new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Kent County," sub title "Jurors," to be numbered 138 A, 139 A, 140 A, 141 A, 142 A and 143 A, and to read as follows:

138 A. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of County Commissioners of Kent County to make out and file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County between the fifteenth day of March and the first day of June, in each year, a full and complete list, alphabetically arranged in the order of the election districts in said County, of the taxable male residents of said County whose names appear on the tax books thereof, and who are not known to the said Clerk of said Commissioners to be under the age of twenty-five years; and to said list, so to be made and filed, the said Clerk of said Commissioners shall append a certificate that the said list is fully and fairly made; and for making such list the said Clerk shall receive such compensation as the said Commissioners shall deem right and proper; and for failure to perform the duty hereby imposed the said Clerk of the County Commissioners shall forfeit and pay to the State of Maryland a fine of not less than five hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars, in the discretion of the Court, to be recovered by indictment as for a misdemeanor and shall thenceforth be incapable of holding the position of Clerk of said County Commissioners.

139 A. It shall be the duty of a Judge or the Judges of the Circuit Court for Kent County, not less than fifteen days before the commencement of each term of said Court at which Jurors are required to attend, in the presence of such practicing members of the Bar of said County as shall attend, notice of the time and place of the drawing having been first given to said Bar through the Crier of said Court, or a Bailiff thereof, to proceed to select from the list last furnished by the Clerk of the County Commissioners as provided in Section 138 A of this Act, and from the poll books of the several election districts of said County which shall have been used at the last previous general election held in said County, a panel to consist of one hundred and fifty citizens of said County, to be fairly and impartially selected, with special reference to the intelligence, sobriety and integrity of such persons, and without the least reference to their political opinions; which said one hundred and fifty citizens shall be selected from the respective election districts of the said County, in numbers as follows: Twenty-five from the First Election District; twenty-five from the Second Election District; twenty from the Third Election District; twenty-five from the Fourth Election District; twenty-five from the Fifth Election District; fifteen from the Sixth Election District, and fifteen from the Seventh Election District. The names of the persons so selected, and the respective districts from from which they have been selected, shall be embodied in a list and a certificate appended thereto by said Judge, or Judges, certifying that said list of names was selected in conformity with and according to the spirit of this Act, and the said list and certificate shall be filed with the Clerk of said Court and by him be preserved as other proceedings of the said Court are kept.

140 A. When said list of names, selected as directed in the preceding Section of this Act, is made and certified as hereinbefore provided, the said Judge, or Judges, of said Court, in the presence of such members of the Bar aforesaid, and any other persons, who may choose to attend, shall immediately cause all the names selected and placed on the list aforesaid, to be legibly written on ballots of the same size, and having the same color and appearance, which shall be closely folded and placed by said Judge, or Judges, with his or their own hands, in a box to be provided by the Clerk of the said Court under the direction of a Judge, or the Judges, of the said Court, which box shall have a length of not more than thirty-six inches, a width of not exceeding eight inches and a depth not exceeding five inches, and its length shall be divided into seven equal compartments fitted with drawers which shall be numbered 1 to 7, inclusively, to correspond with the numbers of the election districts of said County, and the said ballots shall be placed in said drawers by the said Judge, or Judges, as follows: The twenty-five ballots bearing names selected from the First Election District, in drawer number one; the twenty-five ballots bearing names selected from the Second Election District in drawer number two the twenty ballots bearing names selected from the Third Election District in drawer number three; the twenty five ballots bearing names selected from the Fourth Election District, in drawer number four; the twenty-five ballots bearing names selected from the Fifth Election District, in drawer number five; the fifteen ballots bearing names selected from the Sixth Election District, in drawer number six; and the fifteen ballots bearing names selected in the Seventh Election District, in drawer number seven; after the ballots have been deposited in said drawers the box shall be closed, and the Judge, or Judges, drawing the Jury, shall cause the Clerk of said Court, or one of his deputies, who shall not be present at the writing, folding and depositing of said ballots in said drawers, and box, to appear before him or them, and then and there, in the presence of said Judge or Judges and such other persons as may choose to be present, to draw from said box and drawers, without looking into the same, forty-eight ballots, one by one, as follows: Eight from drawer number one; eight from drawer number two; six from drawer number three; eight from drawer number four; eight from drawer number five; five from drawer number six, and five from drawer number seven; and the names appearing on the ballots so drawn shall be recorded by the Clerk of said Court in the presence of the said Judge or Judges, as they are drawn, and immediately thereupon the said Judge or Judges, shall order a venire facias, directed to the Sheriff of said county commanding him to summon as Jurors, to attend on the first day of the next ensuing term of Court, the forty-eight persons whose names shall be drawn as aforesaid; and if any of the persons so drawn be sick, dead, or not found by the Sheriff, it shall be the duty of the said Sheriff to return the fact to the said Judge or Judges, who shall thereupon cause to be drawn from the drawers from which the name of the persons so returned sick, dead or not found, was drawn, another name, or names, to take the place of such person sick, dead or not found by the Sheriff, and shall cause the names last as aforesaid drawn to be inserted in said venire facias and summoned as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the Sheriff to summon the persons so last drawn and to make return thereof to the Court at the opening of its session; provided, however, that no person shall be drawn and summoned to two successive terms of Court; and provided that the selection, drawing or summoning of any person disqualified by law as a Juror, or otherwise, or who may be drawn from a district in which he does not reside, shall not invalidate the whole drawing, but such error may be corrected by drawing another person from the drawer for the district from which such disqualified, or non-resident person was drawn in the place of the person improperly selected and drawn.

141 A. On the first day of the term, the Judge, or Judges, present shall designate one person from the forty-eight names drawn as aforesaid to be Foreman of the Grand Jury and, after selecting the Foreman and causing all drawers in the Jury box to be emptied, the forty-seven names of those remaining of those drawn as Jurors as aforesaid, shall be deposited in the drawers from which they were drawn respectively, and the Clerk of the Court, in its presence, shall draw them therefrom, beginning with draw number one and taking one name out and recording it and then taking one name from each of the other drawers successively, in the numerical order of the drawers, and recording each name as drawn, and repeating the process until all the names shall have been drawn out and recorded; the first twenty-two persons whose names are so drawn, together with the Foreman previously selected as aforesaid, shall constitute the Grand Jury and the remaining twenty-five shall constitute the Petit Jury, for said term of Court. As soon as the Grand Jury and Petit Juries have been drawn, the other ballots which were placed in the box a the time the forty-eight persons were drawn to serve as Jurors, shall be returned to the respective drawers in which they were originally placed for further use in drawing any additional Jurors needed to fill vacancies.

142 A. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the position of Foreman of the Grand Jury, either temporary or permanent, caused by sickness, death, absence, or by permission of the Court, the Court shall appoint some other member of the Grand Jury to be Foreman thereof during such vacancy. If for any reason any person or persons drawn as a Grand Juror shall fail to attend the session on the first day thereof and answer to his name at the end of the drawing, or be disqualified, or be excused for cause, the Court shall forthwith proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies from the remaining number of twenty five names of those who are present, in the order in which their names were drawn from the election district or districts in which such vacancy occurs, but if their be no names or persons, or an inadequate number of them, left in the drawer for the district where the vacancy occurs, the Court may fill such vacancies by drawing the lacking number of persons in any district from those of the other districts. All vacancies in the Petit Jury caused by drawing to fill vacancies in the Grand Jury, or otherwise may be filled by drawing the necessary number of names from the ballots replaced in the drawers aforesaid, from the districts in which such vacancies occur; or such vacancies may remain unfilled, if the Court deem it unnecessary to fill the same.

143 A. The Court shall have the same power to compel the attendance of Jurors, and shall proceed in all other matters relating to Jurors not provided for in this Act, as under the Public General Laws relating to Jurors.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on and after the first day of May, 1914.

Approved March 19, 1914

P. L. GOLDSBOROUGH, Governor.
JESSE D. PRICE, President of the Senate.
JAMES McC. TRIPPE, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

I Hereby Certify, That the aforegoing is a true copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1914.

JOHN R. SULLIVAN, Secretary of the Senate.

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Public Local Law

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1914, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

CHAPTER 192.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Kent County to provide for the building of public school houses in Chestertown, Rock Hall, Millington and Betterton, and to issue bonds to pay for the same, and to levy an annual sum to pay such bonds and the interest thereon as they mature, and to appoint commissions for the building and equipping of said public school houses.

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 forty-eight thousand dollars, and to issue coupon bonds therefor, in sums of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars, 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 "Kent County Public School Bonds," bearing interest at a 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 July and on the first day of January of each year, which bonds shall be exempt from all 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 as of January 1, 1915, and be payable in sums of three thousand dollars in each of the years beginning with nineteen hundred and twenty and each year thereafter until fully paid; said bonds to be numbered consecutively and to be redeemed in the order in 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 the bids received and award 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 additions 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 twenty thousand dollars' worth (par value) of said bonds shall be paid over to the Commission hereinafter to be named, and to be known as the Chestertown Public High School Commission, to be used and applied by said Commission exclusively 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 a Public High School House in Chestertown; and said proceeds shall be paid out for the purposes mentioned in this Act under the direction and control of said Commission, and upon written order of a majority of said Commission.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the proceeds of the sale of twelve thousand dollars' worth (par value) of said bonds shall be paid over to the Commission hereinafter to be named, and to be known as the Rock Hall Public High School Commission, to be used and applied by said Commission exclusively in the purchase of a suitable site of such quantity of land as said Commssion may deem necessary (if any shall be necessary), and in the building and equipping of a public high school house in Rock Hall, and 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. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the proceeds of the sale of nine thousand dollars' worth (par value) of said bonds shall be paid over to the Commission hereinafter to be named, and to be known as the Millington Public School Commission, to be used and applied by said Commission exclusively 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 a public school house in Millington, and 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. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the proceeds of the sale of seven thousand dollars' worth (par value) of said bonds shall be paid over to the Commission hereinafter to be named, and to be known as the Betterton Public School Commission, to be used and applied by said Commission exclusively 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 a public school house in Betterton, and 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. 8. *And be it enacted*, That Jefferson L. Smyth, Curtis E. Crane, Thomas G. Wroth, Eben F. Perkins and Charles S. Smith be and they are hereby created and constituted the Chestertown Public High 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 high school house in Chestertown, with all the power and discretion herein mentioned.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That C Frank Wheatley, Marion T Miller, Jefferson L. Smyth, James A. Casey and T. Benjamin Durding be and they are hereby created and constituted the Rock Hall Public High 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 high school house in Rock Hall, with all the power and discretion herein mentioned.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That Jefferson L. Smyth, John P. Ahern, Joseph Mallalieu, Charles M. Hurtt and Richard E. Feddeman be and they are hereby created and constituted the Millington 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 Millington, with all the power and discretion herein mentioned.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That Jefferson L. Smyth, Arthur H. Brice, Howard F. Owens, W. Clarence Crew and Harry Willis be and they are hereby created and constituted the Betterton 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 Betterton, with all the power and discretion herein mentioned.

SEC. 12. *And be in evacted*, That the Board of County School Commissioners for Kent County are hereby authorized and directed to fill by appointment any vacancy which may occur in any of the four aforesaid Commissions by death, failure to qualify, resignation or otherwise.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That immediately upon the sale of the bonds provided for by this Act, the four aforesaid Commissions shall proceed to secure proper sites for their respective school houses (if the said Commissions shall deem the purchase of said sites as necessary); and each of the Commissions mentioned in this Act shall proceed to secure proper plans for their respective school houses; and after the securement and adoption of proper plans and specifications, which shall be left with the Superintendent of the Board of County School Commissioners for Kent County for public inspection, each of the Commissions mentioned in this Act 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 their respective school houses, and shall award their respective contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, who will enter into contract and execute a sufficient bond with approved security for the erection and completion of said public school houses, each of the said Commissions, however, to have full power in their discretion to reject any and all bids, and to advertise for other bids.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That each of the Commissions mentioned in this Act 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 Chapters one hundred and seventeen and five hundred and thirty-two of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at the January Session of 1912.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the Chestertown Public High School Commission before entering upon the discharge of the duties imposed upon said Commission by the provisions of this Act, shall collectively as such Commision give bond in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars; likewise the members of the Rock Hall Public High 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 twelve thousand dollars; likewise the members of the Millington 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 nine thousand dollars; and likewise the members of the Betterton 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 seven thousand dollars. All of the above mentioned bonds 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 their respective public school houses, they each shall turn over to the Board of County Commissioners for Kent County all sums of money and property, if any there be, remaining in their hands. All of the bonds provided for in this Act shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland, and be recorded by him, and the expense of recording said bonds, together with the premium paid a Surety Company therefor, if corporate bonds are obtained, shall be paid out of the funds in the hands of the said Commissions.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That each of the Commissions heretofore named, before purchasing their respective sites, where sites are necessary to be purchased, and before contracting for the building of their respective school houses, may set aside and reserve out of the funds which they each shall respectively receive from the County Commissioners for Kent County as hereinbefore provided, such sums as they may deem necessary for the equipment of their respective school houses, including the cost of heating and lighting the same.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That as a preliminary and prerequisite to the exercise of the powers and authority hereby granted and conferred, the sense of the legal voters of Kent County shall be first taken and had thereto at an election to be held for the purpose in Kent County, on the day of the next ensuing election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1914, when the question shall be submitted to the legal voters of Kent County as to whether or not bonds shall be issued for erecting, building, constructing and equipping the said four school houses in Kent County, under the provisions of this Act. And at said election this question shall be submitted on separate ballots prepared for the purpose by the Supervisors of Elections of Kent County, which said ballots shall have the words "For School-house Bonds," or "Against School-house Bonds" thereon, and separate ballot boxes shall be furnished for the purpose, and also for voting upon any and all other bond issues which may be referred to the voters to be voted upon at said election by the Supervisors of Election, which shall be of glass, and if a majority of the votes at said election upon said question shall be "For School house Bonds," then and not before the County Commissioners of Kent County shall proceed to execute the powers and duties imposed upon them by this Act, but if the majority of the votes cast at said election upon said question shall be "Against School-house Bonds," then this Act shall be of no effect.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10, 1914.

P. L. GOLDSBOROUGH, Governor.
JAMES McC. TRIPPE, Speaker of the House of Delegates.
JESSE D. PRICE, President of the Senate.

Office of the Chief Clerk of the House.

I Hereby Certify, That the aforegoing is a true copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1914.

ALBERT J. ALMONEY, Chief Clerk of the House.

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Public Local Law

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1914, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland,

CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Kent County to provide for the building of a public school house in Kennedyville, and to issue bonds to pay for the same, and to levy an annual sum to pay such bonds and the interest thereon as they mature, and to appoint a commission for the building and equipment 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 Six Thousand Dollars, aud to issue coupon bonds therefor, in sums of not less than One Hundred Dollars, nor more than One Thousand Dollars, 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 "Kennedyville Public School Bonds," bearing interest at a rate to be fixed by the County Commssioners of Kent County not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of July and on the first day of January of each year, which bonds shall be exempt from all 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 as of January 1, 1915, and be payable in sums of One Thousand Dollars in each of the years beginning with nineteen hundred and sixteen and each year thereafter until fully paid, said bonds to be numbered consecutively and to be redeemed in the order in 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 negotiations 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 the 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 Kennedyville Public School Commission, to be used and applied by said Commission exclusively 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 a public school house in Kennedyville; and 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 Jefferson L. Smyth, William S. Hurlock, Harry J. Hill, Edgar R. Pennington and John Medders be and they are hereby created and constituted the Kennedyville 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 Kennedyville, with all the power and discretion herein mentioned. And the Board of County School Commissioners for Kent County are hereby authorized and directed to fill by appointment any vacancy which may occur in the Kennedyville 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 this 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 specificatians, which shall be left with the Superintendent of the Board of County School Commissioners 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 their contract to the lowest responsible bidder, who will enter into contract and execute a sufficient bond with approved security for the erection and completion of said public school house, the aforesaid Commissin, however, to have full power in their 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 One hundred and seventeen and Five hundred and thirty-two of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Sesson of 1912.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the Kennedyville 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 Commisssion give bond in the penalty of Six Thousand Dollars, 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 any there be, 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 recorded by him, and the expense of recording said bond, together with the premium paid a Surety Company therefor, if a corporate 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 their site (if one 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 sum as they may deem necessary for the equipment of said public school house, including the cost of heating and lighting the same.

SEC. 10. And be it enacted, That the Board of County School Commissioners for Kent County may at any time in their discretion establish and maintain in the public school house herein authorized and directed to be erected in Kennedyville a course of instruction in agriculture and domestic science, in addition to the regular public school courses of instruction.

SEC. 11. And be it enacted, That as a preliminary and prerequisite to the exercise of the powers and authority hereby granted and co ferred, the sense of the legal voters of Kent County shall be first taken and had thereto at an election to be held for the purpose in Kent County, on the day of the next ensuing election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1914, when the question shall be submitted to the legal voters of Kent County as to whether or not bonds shall be issued for erecting, building, constructing and equipping the said public school house in Kennedyville, under the provisions of this Act. And at said election this question shall be submitted on separate ballots prepared for the purpose by the Supervisors of Elections of Kent County, which said ballots shall have the words "For Kennedyville Public School House Bonds", or "Against Kennedyville Public School House Bonds" thereon, and separate ballot boxes shall be furnished for the purpose, and also for voting upon any and all other bond issues which may be referred to the voters to be voted upon at said election by the Supervisors of Election, which shall be of glass, and if a majority of the votes at said election upon said question shall be "For Kennedyville Public School House Bonds", then and not before the County Commissioners of Kent County shall proceed to execute the powers and duties imposed upon them by this Act, but if the majority of the votes cast at said election upon said question shall be "Against Kennedyville Public School House Bonds", then this Act shall be of no effect.

SEC. 12. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 30, 1914.

P. L. GOLDSBORGUGH, Governor.
JAMES McC. TRIPPE, Speaker of the House of Delegates.
JESSE D. PRICE, President of the Senate.

Office of the Chief Clerk of the House.

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m2-3t. ALBERT J. ALMONEY, Chief Clerk of the House.

Public Local Law

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1914, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

CHAPTER 530.

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall, in Kent County, State of Maryland, to issue bonds to the extent of ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of constructing, operating and keeping in repair an electric lighting plant for the town of Rock Hall, with a proviso that said issue of bonds for said purpose be first submitted and approved by a vote of the qualified voters of said town of Rock Hall.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds in the name of said municipal corporation to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars ($10,000) in sums not less than fifty dollars ($50.00), nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) each, to be sealed with the corporate seal of said town, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Clerk of the Council of said town, to be designated as "Rock Hall Electric Light Plant Bonds," bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of July and the first day of January of each year, which bonds shall be exempt from all County and muncipal taxation, and the due or overdue coupons for interest shall be received by the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall in payment of town taxes. Said bonds shall be payable in sums of five hundred dollars ($500.00) in each of the years beginning with the first day of July, 1918, and each year thereafter until fully paid. Said bonds to be numbered consecutively, and to be redeemed in the order in which they are numbered. But said bonds shall be redeemable at the option of the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall after five years from the date of the issue.

SEC. 2 *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall are authorized and directed to advertise at least once a week for three successive weeks in two newspapers published in Kent County, and such other places as they may deem proper, for sealed proposals for the negotiation of said bonds, and on a certain day to be named in said advertisement the Mayor and Councilman of Rock Hall shall, in the presence of such persons as may be interested in said bids, open all bids received and award the bonds to the highest bidder; provided, no bid less than par shall be received and reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall shall create an annual sinking fund, beginning with the year 1914, for the payment of interest and for the redemption of said bonds, and if said sinking fund cannot be made sufficient under the present authorized levy to pay the interest on said bonds and the one-twentieth part of said bonded debt as it matures, the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall are hereby authorized to levy and collect annually a tax upon the taxable property in Rock Hall for a sum sufficient to provide for the payment of any such deficiency of interest on said bonds as they mature and any deficiency on the one-twentieth part of the principal of said bonded debt, as said bonds mature.

SEC 4. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to use and apply the said sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, exclusively to the erection, construction, operation and keeping in repair an electric lighting plant for the town of Rock Hall, which said electric lighting plant shall be operated and maintained to supply, so far as practicable, the reasonable demands of the citizens of said town, and other persons carrying on business therein, and for the people adjacent thereto, with electric light, and also to the erection and construction of necessary poles, appliances and wires for the transmission of electricity in and along the streets of said town and the roads adjacent thereto.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall shall have power to pass all ordinances necessary for the preservation and protection of said electric lighting plant, and to regulate by ordinance the charges for appliances, poles, wires and other supplies and electric light furnished to citizens of said town and to other persons conducting or carrying on business therein and adjacent thereto.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That at the next regular election for Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall, to be held on the first Saturday in May, 1914, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Rock Hall the question whether bonds shall be issued for constructing, operating and keeping in repair an electric lighting plant for the town of Rock Hall, and at such election the ballots cast upon that question shall have the words "For Rock Hall Electric Light Plant Bonds," or "Against Rock Hall Electric Light Plant Bonds," thereon, and if the majority of the votes cast upon said question shall be "For Rock Hall Electric Light Plant Bonds," the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall shall proceed to exercise the power vested in them by this Act, but if the majority of the votes cast be "Against Rock Hall Electric Light Plant Bonds," then this Act shall be of no effect.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10, 1914.

P. L. GOLDSBOROUGH, Governor.
JAMES C. McC. TRIPPE, Speaker of the House of Delegates.
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Public Local Law

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CHAPTER 648.

AN ACT to repeal Sections 79 A, 79 B and 79 C of Chapter 177 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at the January Session of 1894, entitled "An Act to regulate the terms and compensation of the County Commissioners of Kent County."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 79 A, 79 B and 79 C of Chapter 177 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at the January Session of 1894, be and the same are hereby repealed, and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

SEC. 79 A. There shall be three County Commissioners of Kent County after the expiration of the term of the two County Commissioners who were elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1913.

79 B. Three County Commissioners of Kent County shall be elected at the General Election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1915, two of whom shall hold office for the term of four years and one of whom shall hold office for the term of two years from said election and until their successors are elected and qualified, and the length of the terms for which said Commissioners are to hold office shall be printed below the names of the respective candidates at both primary and general elections in the year 1915. And at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1917, one County Commissioner shall be elected as successor to the one whose term of office shall then expire; and at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1919, two County Commissioners shall be elected as successors to those whose terms of office shall then expire; and the County Commissioners, so elected in 1917 and 1919, shall each hold office for the term of four years; and the terms of office of the County Commissioners of Kent County shall thereafter be four years. They shall have all the powers, and perform all the duties that are now or hereafter may be imposed on them by law, and they shall each receive, as compensation, the sum of five hundred dollars.

79 C. The said County Commissioners shall meet every Tuesday in each year from the first day of January to the first day of January next succeeding, and at such other time or times as may be necessary.

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

Approved April 10, 1914.

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CHAPTER 634.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland, to pay unto Harrison W. Vickers, Jr., the State's Attorney for Kent County, Maryland, a certain sum of money expended by him in the investigation of the charge of assault with intent to rob Mrs. Jesse Hurd, amounting in the aggregate to $45.65.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissionere for Kent County, Maryland, are hereby authorized and directed to pay unto Harrison W. Vickers, Jr., the State's Attorney for Kent County, Maryland, the sum of $45.65, for expenses incurred by him in the investigation of the charge of assault with intent to rob Mrs. Jesse Hurd, as follows:

To Dr. W. R. Stokes for making blood test	$ 25 00
To amount paid Capt. Thos. F. Hogan for services as a detective in Hurd case, 3 days at $3.57 per day	10 71
Railroad fare to Chestertown and return	4 29
Meal and car fare in Wilmington	65
To Mrs Wm. R. Pippin, board for Captain Hogan	5 00
	$45 65

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

Approved April 10, 1914.

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Hicks' Forecast For May.

A reactionary storm period is central on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd, being central with the Mercury disturbance. May will come in with low barometer and cloudy, murkey conditions, and from the 1st to the 4th, thick cloudiness will prevail over most parts of the country.

A regular storm period covers the 5th to the 10th, having its center on the 7th. The Moon is on the celestial equator on the 6th, in perigee on the 8th, and full on the 9th.

A reactionary storm period is central on the 12th, 13th and 14th. Behind the reactionary storms of this period, look for rising barometer, westerly winds and fair, cold weather—too cool for entire safety from frosts in northern parts of the country.

A regular storm period covers the 17th to the 22nd, having its center on the 19th. This is about the time when a series of May thumder and rain storms are common throughout the tier of middle states. Such a spell is probable on and touching the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st of May, although there is no combination of causes out of the ordinary at this time.

A reactionary storm period has its center on the 24th, 25th and 26th. The new moon being on the 24th, change to very warm, with falling barometer, ending in rain and thunder storms, with some wild dashes and gusts of wind, may be figured on—moving eastward across the country—on and touching the 24th 25th and 26th. Moon is at extreme north declination on the 26th, causing atmospheric tides to swing northward, and bringing into high latitude some very warm weather.

A regular storm period is central on the 30th, extending from the 28th three or four days into June.

State-Wide Prohibition Convention.

A splendid program for the State-wide Prohibition Conventian in Baltimore May 14th and 15th is being prepared. Speakers of national reputation will be present to make addresses both day and night.

The National Superintendent, Dr. Purley A. Baker, of the Anti-Saloon League of America, will be present.

Representative men from all sections of the state will have a part in the program. Great enthusiasm is being manifested over the event, marking as it does the beginning of the movement in this state for State-wide Prohibition.

The temperance legislation enacted by the session of the Legislature just closed and the splendid affirmative vote upon the Constitutional Amendment offered by this Anti-Saloon League gives great encouragement to the friends of temperance that the Legislature of 1916 will be "dry" enough to pass a state-wide prohibition measure.

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