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interest on said bonds, create a sinking fund for taking up said bonds at maturity and establish, alter, repair and maintain the public roads, bridges and highways of said county in good condition, the board of commissioners of Alexander County, or other authorities vested with the power of levying taxes for said county, shall annually compute and levy, at the time of levying other county taxes, a sufficient special tax on all polls, all real estate and personal property, and all other subjects of taxation, which the said commissioners or other authorities now or hereafter may be allowed to levy taxes upon for any purpose whatever, always observing the constitutional equation between the taxes on property and the taxes on polls: Provided, there shall not be at any time levied in the county of Alexander for the purpose of road improvement, and including all expenditures made necessary by this act, or any act or statute now existing, a tax greater than thirty-three and one-third cents on the hundred dollars of property, and one dollar on each poll.

Sec. 5. That said taxes, when collected, shall be kept separate and apart from the other taxes, and shall be used only for the purpose of which they were collected.

Sec. 6. That it shall be the duty of the board of commissioners of the county of Alexander to annually invest any and all moneys received from the special tax for sinking fund in the purchase of any of said bonds at a price deemed advantageous to said county by said board of commissioners, and to be agreed upon by them and the owners thereof. But, in case said county bonds cannot be purchased at a satisfactory price, then the said commissioners are authorized and directed to invest said sinking fund upon security approved by them, and upon terms advantageous to said county. And any money of said sinking fund so loaned and invested shall bear a rate of interest not less than five per cent per annum, and any interest from the said funds shall be annually invested in the same way. And the notes taken for said loan shall express on their face that the money belongs to said sinking fund.

Sec. 7. That the money received from the sale of said bonds and derived from the special tax herein authorized to be levied, except a sufficient amount to pay the interest on said bonds, and the sum set apart for the sinking fund to pay the principal of said bonds, shall be used by said board of commissioners to purchase improved road working machinery, to survey, lay out, grade, improve, and maintain the public roads and bridges of said county, and the keeping of the public roads in repair.

Sec. 8. That the bonds herein provided for shall be deposited in some safe deposit company or bank to be designated by said board of commissioners and drawn out on the order of the good roads commission created in this act, the proceeds of which shall be applied to the purposes herein provided for.

Sec. 9. For the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the voters of Alexander County upon the question of issuing said bonds, improving and maintaining the public roads and bridges

of said county as provided for by this act, the commissioners of said county of Alexander shall at their regular meeting on the first day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, call an election to be held on the ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. At said election all voters in Alexander County qualified to vote in said election, may vote a written or printed ticket. Those who favor the purpose of this act shall vote a ticket with the words "For Good Roads Bond Issue" written or printed thereon. Those who oppose the purpose of this act shall vote a ticket with the words "Against Good Roads Bond Issue" written or printed thereon; and if the majority of the votes cast in said election shall be "For Good Roads Bond Issue" then the bonds provided for in this act shall be issued and sold according to the provisions herein contained. The said election shall be held in the manner provided by law for the election of members of the General Assembly, except as is differently provided for in this act. The registrars and judges of election shall be appointed by the board of commissioners for the county of Alexander not later than the first Monday in February, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and the list of persons so appointed shall be published in two issues of some newspaper published in Alexander County during the weeks ending February sixth and February thirteenth one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, or published for ten days at the Alexander County court house door. There shall be appointed one registrar and two judges of election for each precinct, and the said registration and election shall be held in all respects like the election of members for the General Assembly, except as is otherwise or differently provided for in this act. At the close of the election in each precinct the vote shall be counted and returned over the signature of the registrar and judges of the election or a majority of them, to the board of commissioners of Alexander County. Abstracts or blanks for this purpose shall be prepared by said board of commissioners and furnished to each precinct, and the registrar or one judge of election shall be chosen as a messenger to transmit said returns to said board of commissioners. Said returns shall be executed in triplicate. One copy shall be transmitted as aforesaid to the board of commissioners of the county of Alexander, one copy to the clerk of the superior court of said county and one copy retained by the registrar of each precinct. On the third Monday in March, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, being the fifteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and the Monday succeeding the election the board of commissioners for the county of Alexander shall meet as a canvassing board, and shall receive the returns of said election and shall canvass and judicially pass upon the same, and declare the results of said election, which shall be duly recorded upon the records of said board and in the office of the Register of deeds. If a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be "For Good Roads Bond Issue," then the bonds provided for in this act shall be issued and sold. At any

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Road Bond Law.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALEXANDER COUNTY TO ISSUE BONDS IN THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUILD AND IMPROVE THE PUBLIC ROADS AND BRIDGES OF SAID COUNTY, AND PROVIDE FOR AND MAINTAIN THE SAME BY TAXATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That for the purpose of grading, building and constructing of gravel, soil, top soil or other material, and otherwise improving and maintaining the public roads of Alexander County and erect the necessary bridges, the board of commissioners of said county is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue bonds of the said county to an amount not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in denominations not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000) bearing interest from the date thereof not exceeding the rate of five per cent per annum, with interest coupons attached, payable semi-annually at such time and place as may be directed by said board of commissioners, such bonds to be of such form and tenor, and transferable in such way, and the principal

thereof payable at such time or times, not exceeding forty years from the date thereof, and at such place or places as the said board of county commissioners may determine; and the said board of county commissioners may divide the said issue into three series: Provided, that none of the bonds authorized by this act shall be disposed of either by sale, exchange, hypothecation, or otherwise, for a less price than their face value.

Sec. 2. Such bonds shall be numbered and shall be signed by the chairman of the said board of commissioners and attested by the register of deeds of the said county and clerk of said board, and shall bear the corporate seal of said county. And the coupons attached to each bond shall bear the number of the bond as well as the number of the coupon, and shall be executed either by the signing by the chairman of the board of county commissioners and register of deeds of Alexander County, and the official clerk of said board, or with their lithographed signatures.

Sec. 3. A record shall be kept by the said board of commissioners in a separate book for that purpose of all bonds sold and to whom, the amount and date of sale, and the issuing of each bond and its number.

Sec. 4. In order to pay the

election held under this act any person who shall not have been entitled to registration while the said registration books were open for registration, but shall have become entitled for registration after said registration books were closed and before or on the day of election, shall be entitled to register on the day of election and vote.

Sec. 10. On each Saturday during the period of registration the registrars shall attend with his registration books at the polling places of his precinct for the registration of voters. It shall be the duty of the registrars and judges of election to certify all returns made by them of the votes cast in their respective precincts in said county, the number of voters registered at their precinct on said election; and the registrar shall, on or before the dates set for the canvass of the votes so cast by the board of county commissioners, return his registration books to the clerk of the board of county commissioners. The registrars and judges of election shall keep two poll books containing the names of persons voting at their precinct at said election. The registrars shall receive for their services hereunder two cents for each name registered and one one dollar a day for each Saturday; and the registrars and judges of election shall receive one dollar (\$1.00) for their services rendered on the day of election and for making the returns required by this act. The cost of this election to be paid by the board of county commissioners out of the general fund of

Alexander County.

Sec. 11. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the good roads commission of Alexander County is hereby created, to consist of the board of county commissioners of Alexander County and the board of education of Alexander County, who shall have charge of the road work of said county and shall hold office during the terms of their office as county commissioners and board of education and shall be succeeded on this commission by their successors on the board of county commissioners and board of education. As soon as practical after the election, if the majority of the votes cast are "For Good Roads Bond Issue," the members of the good roads commission shall qualify by taking the oath of office before some person authorized to administer oaths, meet and organize by selecting one of their members chairman, who shall preside at their meetings and vote only in case of a tie, and one of their members secretary. The members of the good roads commission shall each be paid out of the road funds of the county the same per diem and mileage as those of the county commissioners: Provided, they shall be paid not to exceed twelve days in one year.

Sec. 12. The good roads commission of Alexander county shall have the power and authority to locate, relocate, widen or otherwise change any public road or highway, or parts of the same of the county, or lay out and establish any new public road, when

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