

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of determining whether the residents of the said special taxing area or district, as herein created, desire to have a water supply system for said area, there shall be held a special election on Tuesday, May 12, 1931, and at said election the judges and clerks of election for the First Election District of Howard County shall hold and conduct said election under the same rules and regulations as nearly as practicable as for the holding of regular county elections. All legally qualified voters residing within the boundaries of said special taxing area or district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

The County Commissioners of Howard County shall post or have posted printed or written notices of said election in at least twenty-five public places in said area, not less than two weeks prior to said election, notifying all the residents of said area or district who are qualified to vote that an election will be held on the date fixed in this Act and between certain hours, which notice shall contain the date, the hours that the polls will remain open, the location of the polling places and a statement that the election is to be held for the purpose of deciding whether or not to adopt this Act providing for a water supply system for said area or district.

The said judges and clerks of election shall canvass the votes cast at said election and publicly announce the result of said canvass and shall make returns to the clerk of the Circuit Court of Howard County and the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County. The County Commissioners of Howard County shall provide and furnish the ballots for said election and on said ballots shall be printed on one line the words "For Water Supply System" and on another line the words "Against Water Supply System," with squares opposite each for the voters to indicate his vote on said question. If a majority of the votes cast shall be "For Water Supply System," then this Act shall become immediately effective and the County Commissioners of Howard County shall proceed to exercise the powers contained in this Act. In the event that a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be "Against Water Supply System," then this Act shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths