

*Board may upon proper petition to the Circuit Court be allowed the payment of its lien.*

*491B. For the purpose of giving notice to the general public as to existing liens and charges against any property for benefit OR FRONT FOOT assessments, the County Roads Board shall keep a public record of all names of property owners and the locations of said property, and the amount of said benefit charges among the Land Records of Caroline County under the supervision of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and the recordation with said Clerk of said benefit OR FRONT FOOT assessments shall be legal notice of such liens.*

*491C. The County Roads Board shall, on or before January 1, of each year, certify its benefit OR FRONT FOOT assessments hereunder to the Treasurer of Caroline County for collection from the property owners affected, and said Treasurer shall add said benefit OR FRONT FOOT assessments to the State and county property tax bills for collection in each year without interest or discount, and upon failure of payment of said benefit OR FRONT FOOT assessments, they may be deducted from any surplus in the hands of the Treasurer after a sale for non-payment of State and county property taxes under proper order of the Circuit Court. In the alternative, the lien created in favor of the annual benefit OR FRONT FOOT assessments may be enforced by bill in equity or by action in personam.*

*491D. Before the powers granted by this section to the County Roads Board shall be exercised there shall first be a petition of property owners as provided in Section 491A requesting construction or improvements, public hearing upon said petition after ten days notice in a newspaper regularly published in Caroline County, approval of said petition by the County Roads Board, and the passage of an appropriate resolution, setting forth the improvements being constructed, the property owners affected, and all material terms of the annual benefit OR FRONT FOOT assessments levied to pay the cost of said improvements, or any reasonable portion thereof, as determined by the County Roads Board; provided that no assessment shall exceed ten per centum (10%) of the assessed value of the property after giving effect to benefits accruing thereto from the improvement for which assessed.*

*491E. Any interested person feeling aggrieved by the levying of any benefit OR FRONT FOOT assessment shall have the right to appeal to the Circuit Court for Caroline County within thirty days after the final adoption of the resolution by the County Roads Board and such court, sitting without a jury, shall hear and determine whether the County Roads Board acted pursuant to the authority granted by Sections 491A through 491D and whether the benefit OR FRONT FOOT assessments are imposed according to law.*

*491F. The authority extended to the County Roads Board by this section shall be in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers heretofore vested in them for the improvement of roads in Caroline County.*

**SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.*

Approved April 17, 1963.