

# Special Bonding Law for St. Lucie County

Full Text of the Act Passed by the Last  
Legislature for Road Bonds.

Chapter 5761—(No. 166)

An act to Authorize the County of St. Lucie, State of Florida, to Issue Bonds for the Purpose of Building Hard Surface Roads; for the Election of Bond Trustees; Imposing Penalties for the Violation of This Act and for Other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, is hereby authorized and directed to call a special election in said county as soon as practicable after the passage and approval of this act, to vote for or against the issue of bonds by the county of St. Lucie, for the purpose of building hard surface road in said county and for the election of road bond trustees, as hereinafter provided.

## AMOUNT OF BONDS AND INTEREST

Sec. 2. The amount of bonds to be issued under the provisions of this act shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). They shall be in denominations of one hundred dollars (\$100) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, and fifteen per cent shall be redeemed in ten years, fifteen per cent in fifteen years, twenty per cent in twenty years, twenty-five per cent in twenty-five years and twenty-five per cent in thirty years.

## MANNER OF HOLDING ELECTION.

Sec. 3. Notice of such election shall be given by publication for eight successive weeks in some newspaper published in St. Lucie county. Said election shall be held as near as may be in compliance with general laws of the State of Florida regulating the holding of elections; and those persons and only those persons who were qualified to vote at the general election held next preceding said election and who own real estate or personal property in St. Lucie County and have paid the taxes thereon last due shall be qualified to participate in said election.

## LIST OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Sec. 4. The Supervisor of Registration of said county shall prepare from the best information obtainable by him the list of electors by election districts, who will be authorized to vote at such election and shall publish such lists at least four weeks before such election; and the board of county commissioners shall meet two weeks after the publication of such lists and give all persons an opportunity to be heard as to the correctness of such lists, and shall add to and strike from such lists, such names as the evidence may show to be necessary to make such lists contain all and only the names of electors entitled to vote at such election; and after completing the correction of such lists, the board of county commissioners shall cause such corrected lists to be published, and the lists so corrected and published shall constitute the list of electors qualified to vote at said election.

## TRUSTEES SHALL GIVE BONDS.

Sec. 5. At such special election there shall be elected three road bond trustees who shall hold for the term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. One trustee shall be a resident of School District No. 1; one trustee shall be a resident of School District No. 2, and one trustee shall be a resident of School District No. 3. Each elector may vote for three trustees, but he shall not vote for more than one from each school district. The three candidates from the several school districts, respectively, receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected. Said trustees shall serve and perform the duties provided by this act, only in the event that the election is in favor of the issue of bonds herein provided for. Said trustees, before entering upon their duties, shall give bonds in such sum each as will equal thirty-five per cent of the amount of money in hands of the trustees, the amount of bonds to be fixed from time to time by the board of county commissioners, and to be secured by some

surety company, conditioned that each trustee shall faithfully perform the duties and trusts confided in him and shall duly account for all such sums of money as may come to his hands by virtue of his trust, which said bonds shall be approved by the board of county commissioners, and the county commissioners may from time to time, as circumstances may require, demand additional security from any such trustee. The cost of said surety company bonds shall be paid from the funds in the hands of said trustees.

## FORM OF BALLOT.

Sec. 6. The official ballot of said election shall be substantially as follows:

### OFFICIAL BALLOT

Special Election, St. Lucie County,  
Florida, April 20, 1909.  
Precinct No. 2.

For the issue of Road Bonds

Against the issue of Road Bonds.

For Road Bond Trustees

First School District—

Vote for one:

J. Helseth.

C. J. Reams.

Second School District—

Vote for one:

C. M. Horton.

K. B. Raulerson.

Third School District—

Vote for one:

C. W. McMeekin.

George Saeger.

## MARKING BALLOT.

Sec. 7. The voter shall make known his choice at such election by making a cross mark (X) on the official ballot in the space before the words "For Issue of Road Bonds," or "Against Issue of Bonds," as he is for or against the same; and a cross mark (X) before the candidates of his choice for Road Bond Trustees.

## CONDUCT OF ELECTION.

Sec. 8. Such election shall be held at the several precincts where the last general election was held in said county, and the county commissioners shall appoint the inspectors of election for each precinct. Such election shall be conducted and the canvass of the returns made in the manner and within the time prescribed for general elections, except as in this act otherwise provided, and except that the returns shall be delivered to the Chairman and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners instead of the Supervisor of Registration and county Judge, and that the Board of County Commissioners shall canvass the returns, declare the result and cause the same to be recorded in their minutes.

Sec. 9. If it shall appear by the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast in said election shall be "For Issue of Road Bonds," the County commissioners shall be authorized and required to issue such bonds; but if the majority of the votes shall have been "Against Issue of Road Bonds," no bonds shall be issued.

## BIDS FOR BONDS.

Sec. 10. In case the issuing of bonds shall be authorized by the result of such election, the County Commissioners shall cause notice to be given by publication in a paper in the county that they will receive bids for the purchase of said bonds at the Clerk's office on or before the expiration of thirty days from the publication of such notice. The notice shall specify the amount of bonds offered for sale, the rate of interest and the time when the principal and installments of interest shall be due and payable. Any and all bids may be rejected if the Commissioners shall deem it for the interest of the county so to do, and they may cause a new notice to be given in like manner, inviting other bids for said bonds; Provided, that such bonds shall not be sold for less than ninety-five cents on the dollar, and in current money of the United States.

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