

In case the owner of the ground is a non-resident of the County, suit may be brought by attachment, which shall be equivalent to notice and demand for payment.

Such certified bills shall in all cases be prima facie evidence of the execution of the work, and of the correctness of the rates and prices, amount thereof, and of the liability of any person therein named as the owner of the land, charged with such bill, to pay the same; provided, that nothing in this Section shall be so construed as to prevent the party charged with the payment of said bill from setting up by way of defense, in reduction of the amount of the same, that the work was not done in a good and workmanlike manner, according to the class of work mentioned in the contract, and that such party, before the commencement of the suit, tendered to the contractor a fair value of such work done, and if he shall establish the same on trial the recovery shall only be for the amount so tendered, and judgment for costs shall be rendered against the plaintiff.

The County shall not be liable in any manner whatever for or on account of any work done which is to be paid for by special tax bills.

Provided, however, that every special tax bill authorized by this Act to be levied or assessed for the construction or reconstruction of such district or joint district water mains or sewers, may be divided into instalments, and when so divided shall not be in less than three, nor more than seven, equal parts, as may be provided by order of the County Commissioners or in the contract for such work, payable and collectible as follows: The first instalment shall become due and payable thirty days after notice of the issuance thereof, without interest; the second instalment shall become due and payable one year after such notice; the third instalment, two years; the fourth instalment, three years; the fifth instalment, four years; the sixth instalment, five years; the seventh instalment, six years; after such notice; provided, however, that the owner, or any person having an interest in the property charged with the tax bills may pay the same in full at any time within thirty days after notice as aforesaid, without interest, and such owner or person having an interest may pay such tax bills in full at any time by paying interest thereon as follows: If paid at or before maturity and more than thirty days after notice, as aforesaid, at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the date of notice to the date of payment; if paid after maturity, at the rate of six per