

H. B. No. 593.

House Bill No. 593, being "AN ACT to levy and collect annually a three dollar road Tax against all able bodied male citizens of Wilson County, who are between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years; providing the manner of assessment and collection of said tax and further providing for a penalty for failure or refusal to pay such tax; repealing all laws in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency", is intended for application in only one county, namely, Wilson County.

Section 4 of this Bill undertakes to define certain acts as constituting a misdemeanor and fixes a punishment therefor. A similar offense is defined by a general act found in the Penal Code of this State; however, this Bill fixes a different punishment from that fixed by the statute referred to in the Penal Code.

It is the advice of the Attorney General's Department that "an offense cannot be created to apply only to a certain subdivision" in the manner attempted by this Bill.

The Bill would permit people in Wilson County to be prosecuted under a law which is special in its nature, when people in other sections would not be subject thereto.

I have no objection to the general purpose of this Bill in so far as it applies to the development of the road system in the county affected by its terms.

For the reasons indicated, this Bill is vetoed.


GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

April 4, 1927.