19-2803c. Establishment and maintenance of county lake and recreational grounds; election; bonds; limitation on cost. Any county may establish and maintain a county public lake and recreational grounds and facilities adjacent to said lake all of which shall be within said county, as hereinafter provided, and may take and acquire title to lands, including any and all rights thereon, for the purpose of establishing said lake and recreational grounds by condemnation under the provisions of the general condemnation law or by gift, devise, purchase or in any other manner or by any combination of such methods. The board of county commissioners of any county may submit the question of the establishment of such a lake and recreational grounds to the qualified electors of said county, at a general election or special election called for that purpose, or if petitioned for by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of such county, determined on the basis of the total vote cast for the office of secretary of state at the last preceding general election, said board of county commissioners shall at a general election or special election called for that purpose submit the question of the establishment of such lake and recreational grounds. The question shall be stated on the ballot in substantially the following form:

"Shall \_\_\_\_ county establish a county lake and recreational grounds at a cost of not to exceed \_\_\_\_ dollars, the same to be paid by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the county?"

In no case shall the cost of the real estate, establishment and original improvement of said lake and recreational grounds exceed the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), exclusive of donations and bequests. Such proposition shall be submitted to the electors in like manner as bond propositions are submitted and conducted under the general bond law.

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