

they are hereby authorized and required to have erected and built a substantial iron or steel bridge over the Patapsco river between Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County at or near the site of the present wooden bridge known as Sweetsers bridge.

Plan of bridge and materials to be used in it.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of the said respective counties immediately after the passage of this Act shall contract with some competent bridge engineer to prepare and formulate a complete plan for the proper building of said bridge, accompanying the same with full and particular specifications in detail as may be necessary, setting forth the kind and character of the materials to be used and the work needed in the construction thereof and such other information as may be required to the satisfaction of said County Commissioners of said counties and shall accompany said plans and specifications with a report in writing of his estimate of the probable cost of building such bridge and the time reasonably required for the completion of the same, and it shall be the duty of said County Commissioners of said counties to consider such plans, specifications and report of said engineer and to determine upon adopting or rejecting the same and in their judgment to have other and different plans and specifications made and submitted by said engineer for their approval, each of said Boards of County Commissioners to have one vote in determining all questions which may arise under this or other sections of this Act.

Joint Boards of County Commissioners to act.

Advertise for proposals.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That upon the adoption of a plan and specifications submitted by said engineer, the said County Commissioners of said counties, jointly, shall immediately advertise for sealed proposals to construct and build said bridge according to said plans and specifications; a form of said proposals shall be prepared and furnished any applicant therefor by the County Commissioners of either county; the said advertisement for proposals shall be made by application for at least once a week for four successive weeks in some newspaper published in Baltimore City and in such other newspapers as the said County Commissioners shall jointly determine. On the Tuesday next after the expiration of said notice the County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall meet with the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County in the City of Annapolis and at the hour of 11 o'clock A.M. and in the presence of the two boards, all the proposals for building said bridge shall be publicly opened by them and they shall publicly announce each bid, and the lowest bidder shall, by the said