

taxes for the support of the County Government are now levied and collected. The engineer so appointed shall hold office for four years from the date of his appointment and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified and shall be eligible for reappointment. In the event of the death or resignation of the said engineer or in the event of his removal as hereinafter provided, the said County Commissioners shall appoint a man with the same qualifications for the balance of the unexpired term.

The said Roads Engineer shall not be liable to removal from office for any other reason than incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, or other cause which may impair his usefulness. He shall not be removed, however, except after written charges preferred against him, and an opportunity to be heard in his defense afforded him. Hearings in regard to his removal from office shall be public, and there shall be no appeal from the decision of the County Commissioners.

He shall give bond to the County Commissioners of Harford County conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties and the protection of said County Commissioners against loss or damage by reason of any act, default, neglect, false or fraudulent statement of his whatsoever, in the penal sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

The said Roads Engineer shall not be interested financially in any individual, firm or corporation from which any materials, equipment, machinery or supplies are purchased by the County while he is in office, nor shall he receive any commission or pecuniary profit on any such purchases.

The said Roads Engineer shall reside in Harford County during the term of his office, shall devote his entire time to the discharge of his duties as such Engineer, and during the term of his employment shall not accept or receive any compensation from any other source.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved November 10, 1947.