

CHAPTER 615.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County to locate and build a new bridge and repair the county bridge over Severn river known as the "Severn Bridge," and to provide, by the issuance of bonds, the means for making said repairs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County be and they are hereby authorized and directed and required, immediately after the passage of this Act, to cause the county bridge over the Severn river to be repaired so as to make it safe and in good condition for public travel for man and beast.

Authority to
repair a
bridge.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That within five days after passage of this Act the said County Commissioners shall have a competent bridge engineer to thoroughly examine said bridge and make plans and specifications for the repairs to be made to said bridge; and in employing said bridge engineer said County Commissioners shall, in advance of his employment, make a contract with him for the amount to be paid him for examining said bridge, drawing and making plans and specifications for its repair, and also for supervising the work until the work is completed and the bridge ready for public travel.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said bridge shall be so repaired as to replace all worm-eaten piles that are unsafe and all rotten piles, and that all decayed wood in the upper structure of said bridge shall also be replaced by good sound wood, and if the engineer shall deem the same practicable a new floor shall be laid over the old floor now on said bridge; if he shall not deem this practicable, then the old floor shall be entirely removed from said bridge and the new one laid immediately on the runners or stringers, and in either event the new floor shall be laid on boards of even thickness, and said boards shall be laid diagonally so as to render the same smooth and easy to travel for man and beast.

Requirements
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SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the said County Commissioners, after having said plans and specifications for the repair of said bridge prepared, before contracting for the repair of the same, shall advertise daily for proposals for the rebuilding of said bridge for ten days in some daily newspaper published in Baltimore City, and also in the Anne Arundel County newspaper doing the county publishing for the same length of time, said proposals to be delivered, sealed, to the County

To advertise
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