

**CHAP. 195.** county, be, and they are hereby authorised at their annual meeting, on the first Monday in April, in each and every year, to contract with the lowest bidder for the repairs of the public roads of said county or any part thereof, as in their discretion they may deem best and most conducive to the public interest, and to appoint overseers for such parts of said roads as they may not see fit to put out on contract in the manner now authorised by law.

Notice required

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the Levy court, when required by said court to give notice in writing, at least three weeks before the said first Monday in April annually, at not less than three of the most public places in each election district in said county, that the different sections of the public roads as now laid off to the several overseers of said county, will be offered to the lowest bidder in the Town of Port Tobacco, on the first Monday in April next, ensuing.

Written contract—  
penalties, &c

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That whenever any section or portion of the said roads shall be put out on contract, the person contracting therefor shall file with the clerk of the Levy court of said county a written contract or instrument of writing, designating the part or section of the said public road contracted for, and the terms of said contract, and each and every of said contractors shall be subject to the same penalties, fines and forfeitures, for neglect of duty to which overseers of the public roads in said county are subject under the existing laws.

Exemption from  
labour

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That when the said roads or any section thereof may be placed under contract as aforesaid, that all and every person or persons now required to work or furnish hands to work on said roads, on such sections so placed out on contract, be and they are hereby exempt from furnishing said labor as required by the act to which this is a supplement; *Provided always,* that the said Levy court shall in no instance contract to pay for the repairs of any part or section of said public roads a greater sum than is now by law allowed as compensation to the overseer of said part or section, unless they, the said Levy court shall judge it expedient to put out the repairs of the public roads of said county upon contract as aforesaid,

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