

building of any bridge and opening any new road, and for repairing and reconstructing public roads and bridges in said county. All of the taxes levied and collected under the provisions of this section shall be disbursed by the said County Commissioners upon the roads and bridges in said county, and in the manner hereinafter provided, and in no other way.

SEC. 269. The County Commissioners of Dorchester County shall, within sixty days after the passage of this act, appoint some competent person as County Road Engineer of Dorchester County, who shall be a graduate civil engineer, and shall have sufficient knowledge of civil engineering and road construction to enable him to accurately make surveys, plats, profiles and specifications for the grading, draining, maintenance, repair and construction of public roads and bridges of said county, and also to do all necessary engineering work for the building or rebuilding of roads and bridges, and who shall have had at least three years' experience in road engineering work, at a salary of not more than fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) a year, payable monthly; and the said County Road Engineer shall hold his office for a term of four years, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, unless removed for cause, as hereinafter provided; and in addition thereto a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00) annually to cover all actual and necessary traveling expenses and other expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his official duties hereunder, to be approved by the County Commissioners; and the County Commissioners shall make such appointment without any reference whatever to the political opinions of the person so appointed.

SEC. 270. The said County Road Engineer shall not be liable to removal from office for any reason other than incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, and then only upon the sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of Dorchester county, to be filed with the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, or upon complaint by the clerk of said County Commissioners, filed by direction of said County Commissioners; and every such complaint shall state specifically the nature and character of such charge, of which due notice shall be given to said County Road Engineer; and if the said County Commissioners, after hearing such charges, at which hearing the said County Road Engineer and the parties making complaint shall be entitled to be present, in person and by counsel, to produce any competent testimony, shall find that said County Road Engineer is incompetent or has been guilty of wilful neglect of duty, it shall be their duty to immediately remove said County Road Engineer from office; but either party to such