

hearing shall be entitled to an appeal from the decision of the said County Commissioners to the Circuit Court for Dorchester County; provided, that said appeal is taken within five days thereafter, which appeal shall be heard *de novo* by said Court in special session, or at its next regular term, without the intervention of a jury; and if the said Court, after hearing all the evidence, shall find that the said County Road Engineer is incompetent or has been guilty of wilful neglect of duty, it may pass an order removing said County Road Engineer from office, in which case the said County Road Engineer shall not be entitled to receive any salary from the date of the order of the County Commissioners, from which such appeal was taken.

SEC. 271. The County Road Engineer shall reside in Dorchester county during the term of his office, and shall have charge, control and supervision of the working, repairing and construction of the public roads and bridges in said county, and shall make all the specifications for the building of new roads and bridges, and shall see that no obstruction, hindrance or injury is or shall be permitted upon any road or bridge under his supervision. He shall have charge and control of all teams, carts, wagons, machinery, implements and accessories which may be purchased or provided by the County Commissioners for the purpose of this act; and shall employ such labor, teams and implements as may be by him and the County Commissioners deemed necessary in connection with work on public roads and bridges to be paid for by the County Commissioners. He shall not work out or expend upon the roads and bridges of said county a greater amount in any one fiscal year than the amount levied by the County Commissioners for this purpose without obtaining the written permission of said County Commissioners. He shall appear before the Commissioners at the first meeting in each and every month, and make a statement to them of the work done and money expended. He shall examine and certify to the correctness of all bills and accounts for any work done or materials furnished for any of the public roads or bridges in Dorchester county before the same shall be paid by the County Commissioners; and the said County Commissioners shall make no payment until such accounts have been certified by said engineer. He shall make out annually, in writing, a detailed report of all work done on the county roads and bridges for the year, together with the names of all persons working on said roads and bridges, and the amount to which each person is entitled for such work, and which he has certified as correct, which report shall be made on or before the