

provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of twenty dollars a day for each day the said trolley or railway company shall neglect to comply with the provisions of this section.

SEC. 274. Any person appointed under the provisions of this act whose duty it shall be to keep accounts or make reports, who shall fail to do so, or who shall wilfully make false reports or accounts, shall be liable to indictment by the Grand Jury of Dorchester County; and upon conviction in the Circuit Court thereof, shall be fined, in the discretion of the Court, not less than \$200, or be imprisoned in the county jail or House of Correction for not less than ninety days, or both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court, and shall make good the loss arising from such neglect of duty or fraud.

SEC. 275. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of Dorchester County whenever the office of County Road Engineer shall become vacant by death, resignation or removal from office, within sixty days from the date of such vacancy to appoint some person to fill the same, and in the same manner and with the same qualifications as prescribed by section 268 of this act.

SEC. 276. The County Road Engineer appointed under the provisions of this act shall give bond to said County Commissioners, properly conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, in the penalty of one thousand dollars.

SEC. 277. Whenever any person shall desire the improvement of any public road or portion thereof in said county to an extent beyond that decided upon by the County Commissioners and the County Road Engineer, they may make application to the said County Commissioners by petition definitely stating the location of the road or portion thereof, the character of the improvements desired and its probable cost; and the County Commissioners shall thereupon order the County Road Engineer to examine the location and purposes set forth in the petition, and if he shall be of the opinion that the public interests will be promoted by compliance with said petition, he shall so report to the County Commissioners, with an estimate of the money required and his reasons for such determination, if the County Commissioners shall approve the report of the County Road Engineer, they shall direct the expenditure to be made out of the road levy or other moneys belonging to the county, and set aside for roads and bridges; provided, that the petitioners for such improvements shall first pay into the treasury of the county an amount equal to one-half of