

## CHAPTER 617.

AN ACT to add five additional sections to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Washington County," sub-title "Roads," to follow section 342, to be known as sections 342A, 342B, 342C, 342D and 342E, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts so far as the same are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, providing additional duties and powers for the County Commissioners of Washington County; for the purpose of purchasing materials, machinery, implements and equipment, and for the employment of additional agencies for road and bridge work, including a County Road Superintendent; a system of construction, care and repair of public highways and bridges and the control thereof, and prescribing certain duties of the County Road Superintendent.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That five new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Washington County," sub-title "Roads," to follow after section 342 thereof, and to be designated as sections 342A, 342B, 342C, 342D and 342E, and to read as follows:

SEC. 342A. All matters pertaining to and affecting the public Highways, Roads and Bridges of Washington County shall be under the general control and supervision of the County Commissioners of Washington County, who are hereby given the power to enter into and make any and all contracts for materials, machinery, implements, and equipment for the building, construction and repairing of such public highways, and to employ or to direct the employment of so many and such agents, assistant superintendents, foremen, inspectors, mechanics and laborers as may be found necessary for the proper construction, care, improvement and maintenance of the same, and to fix the rate of compensation thereof, and to provide for such clerical and other assistance as may be required by them.

SEC. 342B. On or before May 1st, A. D. 1912, and annually thereafter, the said County Commissioners may appoint a Road Superintendent for Washington county, who shall be a competent man of good judgment, having the necessary qualifications and practical experience in road construction, and who shall direct and manage the whole matter of grading and constructing public roads and the repair thereof, and the construc-