

and appropriate such other and additional taxes as they may deem requisite for the building of new bridges and the opening of new roads and for repairing and reconstructing public roads and bridges in said county. All the taxes levied and collected under this act shall be disbursed by the said County Commissioners for use upon the roads and bridges in said county in the manner hereinafter provided, and in no other.

SEC. 171A. The County Commissioners shall on or before the first day of July, 1912, appoint some competent person to be known as the County Road Engineer, who shall have a sufficient knowledge of civil engineering to enable him accurately to make surveys, plats and specifications for the grading, draining, maintenance, repair and reconstruction of public roads and bridges in said county, and also do the necessary engineering work for the rebuilding and construction of bridges and public roads, and who shall have had at least two years' experience in engineering work on public or quasi public work or roads, at a salary of not less than fifteen hundred dollars per year, payable monthly; and the said County Road Engineer shall hold his office for four years from the date of his appointment or until his successor be appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed for cause as hereinafter provided; and the said County Commissioners shall make such appointment without reference to the political opinions of the appointee.

SEC. 171B. The County Commissioners of Talbot County, whenever the office of County Road Engineer shall become vacant by expiration of his term of office, death, resignation or removal from office, shall appoint within sixty days from the date of such vacancy some person to fill the same, and in the manner and with the same qualifications as prescribed in section 171A of this act, to hold office for four years' from the July first immediately preceding his appointment.

SEC. 171C. The said County Road Engineer shall not be liable to removal from office during the term for which he is appointed for any reason other than incompetency or neglect of duty upon the sworn complaint of six or more resident taxpayers of Talbot county. Complaints of such character shall be filed in writing with the County Commissioners, who shall set a day for hearing such charges and complaints, at which hearing the County Road Engineer shall be entitled to be present with counsel, after receiving five days' notice in writing of the time and place of such hearing; and in case the County Road Engineer shall be removed from his position during the term for which he is appointed he shall be notified in writing