

funds for such purposes are available, all State roads heretofore or hereafter constructed or improved by it under the provisions of this sub-title or which now or at any time may be placed or come under its control; and to such end the said State Roads Commission shall have power and authority to adopt such method or methods for the systematic repair and maintenance of such roads as it may from time to time deem proper and advisable; and, out of funds appropriated or designated for use in the repair or maintenance of said State roads, shall have power and authority to employ such engineers, assistants and other employees, and purchase such equipment, appliances and materials as may be reasonably requisite and necessary for the purposes aforesaid. Said commission shall keep accurate records in detail showing as far as practicable the cost of maintenance and repair of such roads under the various systems of maintenance and repair adopted by it from time to time; the cost and quantities of different kinds of stone, oil and other materials used in the maintenance and repair of said roads, and the durability and effects of traffic of various kinds upon the different types of roads constructed, maintained or repaired under the provisions of this sub-title. And said commission shall embody in its annual report to the Governor a synopsis of such investigations and expenditures. The County Commissioners of the several counties of this State are directed to levy the State taxes to be collected according to law for the year 1913, and annually thereafter, a tax of one cent on each one hundred dollars (\$100) to aid in the maintenance and repair of the State roads, and the Comptroller of the Treasury shall levy the same tax rate on the shares of the capital stock of all banks, State and national, and other incorporated institutions or companies of this State, the shares of whose capital stock are liable by law to assessment and taxation, to aid in the maintenance and repair of State roads in this State. Said taxes shall be collected as other State taxes are now collected, and shall be paid into the State Treasury, the Comptroller being hereby required to keep the same separate and distinct, to be known as "The Road Repair Fund," said fund to be paid by the State Treasurer upon the warrant of the Comptroller, to and upon the order of the State Roads Commission, semi-annually, viz: July 1st and January 1st, in each year, the money so received by the State Roads Commission to be used by such commission in the various counties for the maintenance of State roads.

78.

While this section deals particularly with a different class of road improvements from those to which the fund in controversy is applicable, it refers in terms to suits for the violation of any of the provisions of the sub-title under which it is codified with respect to any roads within the county; the term "sub-title" as used in the last sentence of this section may be given its ordinary application consistently with the purpose and effect of the road law as a whole, and hence its meaning will not be restricted. Under this section, the circuit court for Baltimore County has jurisdiction over a suit by taxpayers of Baltimore County against the State Roads Commission (one of whose members resides in Baltimore