

the county where such road or section of road may be situated stating in said petition the desire of said petitioners to have said road, or section thereof, constructed or repaired under the provisions of this sub-title the said County Commissioners shall thereupon give ten days' notice in some newspaper published in said county of their intention to take up the matter for a hearing on some certain day to be named therein so that all persons interested may have an opportunity of being heard and should said road or section thereof be constructed or repaired under the provisions of this sub-title, they shall assess one-tenth of the total costs of same upon the abutting property according to the front foot rule of apportionment and the amount so assessed upon each piece or parcel of land shall become a lien thereon to the amount of said assessment and shall be collected as other county taxes are collected, or in such manner as the said commissioners may prescribe, and said County Commissioners shall have power to pass all necessary resolutions prescribing the manner and time of making said assessment; provided, however, that before any assessment made by the County Commissioners or its authorized agent under this section or any resolution shall be finally ratified, ten days' notice at least shall be given in one newspaper published in said county of the date and place when said assessment is to be taken up for final ratification, and an opportunity shall be afforded all persons interested therein to appear and be heard. Immediately upon final ratification on said assessment it shall become due and collectible in the manner hereinbefore set forth. Upon the filing of said petition by said owners as aforesaid it shall be the duty of said Board of County Commissioners to make such a request to the State Roads Commission as set forth in Section 66 of this Article.

Where a road was petitioned for under the act of 1904, chapter 225, a contract whereby the contractors relieved the petitioners of a portion of the obligation which the latter contracted to perform, was against public policy and void. Meaning of the term "public policy." *Walsh v. Hibberd*. 122 Md. 171.

This and the following sections referred to in a bill of complaint involving the construction of the act of 1914, chapter 836, revising the charter of Ellicott City. *Ellicott City v. Howard County*, 127 Md. 581.

See notes to this section in volume 2 of the Annotated Code.

1904, art. 91, sec. 38. 1904, ch. 225, sec. 6. 1910, ch. 217, sec. 38 (p. 317).
1916, ch. 645, sec. 71.

71. After the receipt of such plans and specifications and estimate by the Board of County Commissioners of any County in Maryland from said State Roads Commission, said Board of County Commissioners, if they elect to proceed further hereunder, as hereinbefore provided in Section 66, shall advertise for two consecutive weeks in at least one newspaper published in such County, and also during the time of such publication in such County newspaper, at least three consecutive times in at least one newspaper published in Baltimore City, for bids for such road building or improvement, setting forth the place where such road is to be built or improved, and giving a general description