

assessable property in Allegany County not less than forty thousand dollars for the use of the road directors of Allegany County, which shall be collected as other taxes are collected, and to the extent of such levy the County Treasurer of Allegany County shall honor the drafts to be signed by the chairman of such road directors, and to be countersigned by the road engineer; but this act shall not be construed as depriving the County Commissioners of such power as they may possess of appropriating sums of money to the different incorporated towns of the county for road improvements; and said County Commissioners are further directed by their annual levy for the year 1912 to levy upon the assessable property of Allegany County an additional sum of twenty-five thousand dollars and by their annual levy for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, a like sum of twenty-five thousand dollars in each of said years for the use of the road directors of such county in the building of permanent roads therein, as hereinafter set forth, under the so-called Shoemaker Law, it being the intention of this Act to place in the hands of said road directors the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars per year for said years to enable said road directors to build permanent roads under said Shoemaker Law, and to receive such contribution to the roads of Allegany County from the State of Maryland as may be possible under said Shoemaker Law. Provided, however, that the said County Commissioners shall not be required to levy in any of said years for such permanent road improvements, any sum in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars, and that such road directors shall only be allowed in the building of permanent roads under said Shoemaker Law to expend the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars per year for the years 1912, 1913 and 1914, and that said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to be levied as aforesaid for the year 1915 shall be used by said road directors in paying off and discharging bonds which they are hereinafter authorized and empowered to issue. And if it shall so happen that in making such permanent road improvements, short sections of such permanent roads shall be narrower in width than required by the State law providing for the payment of half the cost thereof, or that portion of said road shall be otherwise disqualified for State aid, then upon certificate to such effect of the road engineer of Allegany County, the respective sums of money which such narrow or disqualified roads may have cost may be paid out of the levy herein provided for permanent road work, even though the State may refuse to accord its aid thereto.

*Symons v. Road Directors*, 105 Md. 256.

1904, ch. 262, sec. 216F. 1906, ch. 138, sec. 216F. 1912, ch. 74, sec. 216F.

**548.\*** For the purpose of enabling said road directors to permanently improve under said Shoemaker Law certain designated sections of roads in Allegany County during the years 1912, 1913 and 1914 as aforesaid, and to receive as much State aid in such improvements as possible under

\*Title and enacting clause of ch. 74, 1912, make no reference to sec. 216F, but it is contained in body of Act.