

1910, ch. 403 (p. 920), sec. 167C. 1916, ch. 304, sec. 167C. 1920, ch. 411.
1922, ch. 210. 1929, ch. 418, sec. 167C.

298. The County Commissioners of Kent County shall on the first day of June, 1929, or as soon thereafter as possible, appoint some competent person, who shall have a sufficient knowledge of civil engineering to enable him to accurately make surveys, plats, profiles and specifications for the grading, draining, maintenance, repairs and reconstruction of the public roads of said County, and also to do the necessary engineering work for the building or rebuilding of bridges, and who shall have at least three years' experience in road engineering work (and who shall be approved as a competent road engineer by the State Roads Commission of Maryland and by the Chief Engineer thereof) to be County Road Engineer for Kent County for the term of four years, at a salary of Fifteen Hundred Dollars a year, payable monthly and the said County Road Engineer shall hold his office and be paid for his services from the day he enters upon his duties, unless removed for cause, as hereinafter provided; and the said County Commissioners shall make such appointments without any reference whatever to the political opinion of the persons so appointed.

Richardson v. Kent County, 120 Md. 153.

1910, ch. 403 (p. 920), sec. 167D. 1916, ch. 304, sec. 167D.

299. The said County Road Engineer shall not be liable to removal from office during his term for any reason other than incompetency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office, and then upon sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of Kent County, to be filed with the said County Commissioners or upon complaint by the clerk of the said County Commissioners, filed by their direction, and every such complaint shall state specifically the nature and character of the charge preferred, and of which due notice shall be given the said County Road Engineer; and if the County Commissioners, after hearing said charges, at which the Engineer and the parties making the complaint shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and to produce any competent testimony, shall find that said County Road Engineer is incompetent or has been guilty of neglect of duty or misconduct in office, it shall be their duty to immediately remove said County Road Engineer from office, but either party to such hearing shall be entitled to an appeal from the decision of said County Commissioners to the Circuit Court for Kent County; provided that said appeal is taken within five days thereafter, which appeal shall be heard de novo by said Court at its next regular term, without the intervention of a jury, and if the said Court, after hearing all the evidence, shall find that the said County Road Engineer is incompetent or has been guilty of neglect of duty, it shall pass an order removing said engineer from office, in which case the said Road Engineer shall not be entitled to receive any salary from the date of the order of the County Commissioners from which said appeal is taken.

1910, ch. 403 (p. 920), sec. 167E. 1916, ch. 304, sec. 167E. 1929, ch. 418, sec. 167E.

300. The County Road Engineer shall reside in Kent County during the term of his office and shall have (entire) charge, control and super-