

in all cases, award the contract for such work to the lowest responsible bidder therefor reserving at all times the right to reject any and all bids received. All contractors for such street improvements shall give bond in such sum as the Mayor and Common Council shall require, with sufficient surety or sureties, to be approved by the Mayor and Common Council, for the faithful performance of their contract. The Mayor and Common Council shall employ a competent engineer at such compensation as may be determined by them in carrying out the objects of this Act, and where an engineer is employed his compensation to be considered a part of the cost of the improvements.

1929, ch. 395, sec. 5.

884. The Mayor and Common Council shall cause to be levied against the abutting property owners the entire cost of said improvement, each lot being assessed the proportionate share of the total cost which the portion of said lot abutting on said street bears to the entire length so to be improved provided however, that wherever any street is to be paved abutting on which there may be any property belonging to or dedicated to the use of said town, any or all of such paving improvements in front of such property or dedication shall be paid for by said town in the same ratio as herein applied to individuals on the said street and to be paid for out of said town's funds. Said assessment shall become due and payable sixty (60) days after the levying thereof and shall be a lien upon such abutting property and shall be payable all cash or in twelve equal installments of six, twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty, thirty-six, forty-two, forty-eight, fifty-four, sixty, sixty-six, and seventy-two months respectively, from said due date with interest at the rate of six (6) per centum per annum and the person assessed or any one on his behalf shall at any time have the right to anticipate by payment any or all installments of the assessment not then due and any assessment or part thereof remaining due or unpaid be enforced as a tax in the same manner as taxes due the town of Riverdale.*

ROADS.†

1910, ch. 90, sec. 278. 1912 Code, sec. 513. 1914, ch. 801, sec. 278.
1922, ch. 200, sec. 278.

885. There shall be a system of free public roads and bridges in Prince George's County, and all matters affecting roads and bridges in said county shall be under the control of the Board of County Commissioners of said county, except in incorporated towns, and except insofar as control is conferred upon the district road committees, and the district road supervisors created by this Act.

State v. Amer. Bonding Co., 128 Md. 268.

*Ch. 395, 1929, was ratified by the voters as provided for by sec. 6 of said Act.

†Prince George's County has been authorized to issue bonds for roads as follows: 1910, ch. 90, \$16,000; 1920, ch. 377, \$60,000; 1920, ch. 380, \$20,000; 1924, ch. 171, \$40,000; 1927, ch. 176, \$106,000 (1929, ch. 35, cured defect in ch. 176); 1927, ch. 171, \$275,000; 1929, ch. 200, \$550,000.