

of said estimate, to be paid out of the road levy or other moneys belonging to the county; provided, that the petitioners for such improvement shall agree to contribute in cash or labor an amount not less than one-half of said estimate, all of said money to be expended under the direction of the county road engineer.

1920, ch. 358, sec. 6. 1922, ch. 280, sec. 6.

**181.** The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County shall, on or before the first Tuesday in June succeeding the passage of this Act, and every second year thereafter, appoint some competent person who shall have a sufficient knowledge of civil engineering and road construction to enable him to accurately make surveys, plats, profiles and specifications for the grading, draining, maintenance, repair and reconstruction of public roads, bridges or drains of said county; and also to do the necessary engineering work for the building or rebuilding of bridges. He shall have had at least two years' experience in road civil engineering work, and shall be known as County Road Engineer for St. Mary's County. He shall receive an annual salary of not more than two thousand dollars, payable monthly; and, in addition thereto, a sum, not to exceed four hundred dollars per annum, to cover all actual and necessary expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his official duties hereunder; said expenses to be paid on the proper vouchers presented to the County Commissioner. The County Road Engineer shall qualify by subscribing to the oath as required in Article One, Section Six, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and upon such qualification shall execute in favor of the County Commissioners a corporate bond in the sum of five thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties, the cost of said bond to be paid by the County Commissioners out of the County Road Fund. The County Road Engineer shall hold his office for a term of two years or until his successor is appointed, approved and qualified, unless removed for cause. The County Commissioners shall have the power and authority to designate the roads or parts of roads or bridges to be constructed or repaired under the authority of this Act, and such construction or repair shall be made by contract or day labor as may appear most feasible to the Road Engineer with the approval of the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners shall make such appointments without any reference whatever to the political opinions of the person so appointed.\*

1920, ch. 358, sec. 7.

**182.** The County Road Engineer shall not be liable to removal from office for any reason other than incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, and then only upon the sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of St. Mary's County, to be filed with the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, or upon complaint by the Clerk of the County Commissioners, filed by their discretion; and every such complaint shall

\*Secs. 1-5, ch. 358, 1920, authorized \$200,000 of road bonds and the levying of taxes to pay interest on and to redeem said bonds.