

agents or employees, exercising the business of a common carrier, permitting his or its vehicles of steam or other engines or cars to obstruct any crossing for a longer period than ten minutes at any one time shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to arrest and prosecution at the instance of any road official, his or their representatives, or at the instance of any taxpayer of the county, and upon conviction by any justice of the peace exercising criminal jurisdiction in Baltimore County shall be fined in any amount not less than one dollar nor more than fifty dollars for each offense; any person arrested under this section shall have the right to elect that his case be sent to the Circuit Court for trial. All fines collected under this section shall be paid into the General Road and Bridge Fund of the county.

1904, ch. 465. B. Co. C. (1908), sec. 344. B. Co. C. (1916), sec. 499. Acts 1927, ch. 184. 1920, ch. 4. 1922, ch. 165. B. Co. C. (1928), sec. 589.

589. The County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall, after the passage of this Act, annually on or before the first day of January, appoint as Baltimore County Roads Engineer a man having the degree of civil engineer and experience in bridge and road building, or a man who has had at least ten years' experience in road and bridge building, in a supervisory and executive capacity, in charge of important road and bridge work. The Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall be directly answerable to the County Commissioners of Baltimore County for the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties and it shall be the duty of said County Commissioners to remove him from office and he shall be removable from office by them for neglect of duty, inefficiency, dishonesty and for any other cause, matter or thing whatsoever which in the opinion of said County Commissioners necessitates his removal for the better, more efficient or more economical administration of county affairs relating to roads. But the Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall not be removable from his office by the County Commissioners except after written charges preferred against him and an opportunity to be heard in his defense afforded him. Hearings in regard to removal of the Roads Engineer from office shall be public, and there shall be no appeal from the decisions of the County Commissioners thereon. Whenever a vacancy exists in the office of the Roads Engineer, the County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall immediately fill the same.

The Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall be responsible to the County Commissioners for the proper expenditure of all money collected, by levy or otherwise, for county road and bridge purposes. He shall have power to employ so many and such mechanics and laborers as he may think necessary for the proper construction, care and maintenance of the county roads and fix the wages thereof. He shall have power to appoint so many and such assistants, inspectors, foremen and clerks as he may think necessary and fix their salaries, subject to the approval of said County Commissioners. He shall have power to arbitrarily discharge any of his employees or appointees, without the consent of the County Commissioners, but whenever anyone appointed by him and whose salary has