

road company or railroad companies interested in the hearing, shall be given by publication of a notice in a newspaper or newspapers circulating in the municipality or municipalities, or in the county or counties in which the crossing or crossings to which such hearing relates may be located; such newspaper or newspapers to be designated by the State Roads Commission. Such publication shall be at such intervals and for such period of time as said Commission shall deem reasonable; and shall be directed generally "To Whom it May Concern," give notice of the time and place of hearing and describe generally the object of such hearing.

Provided, that no contract shall be entered into, or any money expended by the State Roads Commission for the elimination of any grade crossing, or crossings until after the execution by the particular railroad company affected of a contract with the State Roads Commission on behalf of the State of Maryland whereby said railroad company shall engage and obligate itself to pay or to secure the payment of, one-half the cost of eliminating such grade crossing, or crossings, nor until such contract has been submitted to and approved by the Attorney General of this State.

See notes to sec. 13.

1931, ch. 539, sec. 21.

21. The State Roads Commission is hereby authorized and directed to ask for bids and enter into contracts in the usual form for the construction of all bridges, archways or culverts, including the approaches to such bridges, archways or culverts, which may be required to be constructed in the elimination of such grade crossings as it may from time to time, under the provisions hereof determine to eliminate, said contracts to be made in the name of the State Roads Commission and to contain and be subject to the same provisions now required by law for contracts for the construction of public roads.

1931, ch. 539, sec. 22. 1933, ch. 223, sec. 22.

22. One-fourth of the expense of the maintenance and repair of all bridges, archways or culverts, including the approaches to such bridges, archways or culverts, which may be required to be constructed in the elimination of any grade crossing, shall be paid by the company or companies operating such railroad. The other three-fourths of such expenses shall be defrayed by the State Roads Commission. All of the details with respect to such maintenance and repair shall be determined by the State Roads Commission, whose power and duties relating thereto shall be subject to all of the provisions of the foregoing sections concerning notice, hearing, penalties, enforcement of orders, etc., so far as the same may be practicable.¹

1931, ch. 539, sec. 23.

23. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect or limit the powers vested in or duties imposed upon the County Commissioners of the

¹ Sec. 2, ch. 223, of acts of 1933 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of such inconsistency.