

shall be appointed from the political party opposite in opinion to the majority of the county commissioners; and on the second Tuesday of December in every year the county commissioners shall appoint one road commissioner each for the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh election districts, to serve for three years from the first day of January of the following year; and one road commissioner each for the eighth and ninth election districts, to serve for two years from the first day of January of the following year; said appointments to be so made that there will always be in each election district one commissioner from the minority political party; and in case of a vacancy from death, resignation, removal, inability or refusal of any road commissioner to act, the county commissioners shall fill said vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term; but if any road commissioner shall be only temporarily disabled, though prevented from the performance of his duties, his office shall not be deemed vacant, and he may select one of the other commissioners in the election district to act in his place; and no road commissioner shall become the supervisor of any road.

1886, ch. 63.

**315.** The said road commissioners shall reside in the road districts for which they are appointed; and when they shall have received their commissions from the clerk of the county commissioners, shall subscribe to the following oath or affirmation before the said clerk or any justice of the peace in Cecil county: "I, —, road commissioner for the — election district of Cecil county, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will well and faithfully discharge all the duties imposed upon me by law, and endeavor earnestly and honestly, without fear, favor or affection, to so administer my office as to promote the public welfare, so help me God," which shall be attached to each commission, and a copy filed in the office of the county commissioners; and the county commissioners shall contract for keeping the public roads in Cecil county in good repair—the contracts in each case to be made for a term not exceeding three years—and in like manner they shall, prior to the expiration of every three years thereafter, make new contracts for the same work; said contracts to date from the first day of April of the year in which they shall be