

struments of writing made and executed by him shall be as good and binding in law as if he were a man of full age.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 10, 1880.

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CHAPTER 477.

AN ACT to repeal section twenty-five of article twenty-eight of the Code of Public General Laws, title "County Commissioners," sub-title "Public Roads," and to amend and re-enact the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section twenty-five of article twenty-eight of the Code of Public General Laws, title "County Commissioners," sub-title "Public Roads," be and the same is hereby repealed, amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows : Repealed and re-enacted.

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted*, That the signing any petitions presented to the county commissioners for opening, altering, or closing a public road, shall not make any petitioner liable for the payment of any part of the damages adjudged by the county commissioners; but the county commissioners may, in their discretion, give judgment against the petitioners for the costs incurred by any person defending against the claim of the petitioners, when the case shall be decided in favor of such defendant; and the petitioners as aforesaid shall at all times be held responsible for and shall pay to the several persons entitled to receive the same, all the costs and expenses of every kind incurred by and through any proceedings held and taken in accordance with the provisions of this article in relation to public roads, whenever the county commissioners shall refuse to order the opening, altering, or closing of the road as petitioned for. Not liable for payment.