

this Article) within, and for the account of, each of the following counties: Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester.

157. As to each county named in Section 156 of this sub-title, the cost of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of county roads (including overhead charges of the State Roads Commission allocable thereto) shall be paid from the funds from time to time available to the county for such purposes under the provisions of paragraph (2) of sub-division (d) of Section 13 of this Article, or from the proceeds of bonds or other evidences of debt lawfully issued by the county or by a municipality within the county for such purposes, or from any other funds from time to time lawfully provided for such purposes. The County Commissioners or road authority of each county so named shall from time to time deliver to the State Roads Commission statements recommending roads to be constructed or reconstructed and recommending the application of funds to road maintenance. After considering such recommendations, the State Roads Commission shall determine what county roads are to be constructed or reconstructed and what portion of available funds are to be used for maintenance in order that the work done will be reasonably appropriate to an existing or potential integrated secondary highway system. Construction and reconstruction shall be done in accordance with the standards fixed by the respective counties and approved by the State Roads Commission. Such standards may include low-cost county road standards.

158. If any county named in Section 156 of this sub-title shall hereafter desire to take over and perform the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of its county roads on its own behalf and for its own account, the County Commissioners thereof may make a written request therefor to the State Roads Commission. Such request shall be made at least ninety days in advance of the beginning of the first state fiscal year as to which the request is desired to take effect. If the State Roads Commission shall find that such county has, or is reasonably assured of obtaining, adequate facilities for constructing, reconstructing and maintaining roads, and that such county has, or is reasonably assured of obtaining, the services of a roads engineer having a degree of civil engineering and experience in constructing roads, or who has had at least ten years practical experience in constructing roads in a supervisory and executive capacity, then the State Roads Commission shall by resolution relin-