

vising official, if any such official has been employed by the County prior to the passage of this Act. All overhead expenses and charges incident to general supervision and engineering service furnished by the State Roads Commission shall be paid from the maintenance funds derived from the taxes imposed by Sections 178 and 212 of Article 56 aforesaid. The State Roads Commission, in the execution of the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of county roads and municipal streets shall purchase in the county or municipality concerned all materials and supplies which can be obtained in that county or municipality at prices comparable with the market elsewhere.

7C. In the execution of the work of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of county roads and municipal streets, the State Roads Commission shall first employ the personnel theretofore employed by the County Commissioners or other duly constituted public road or street authorities of the several counties and municipalities, provided, in the judgment of the State Roads Commission, such personnel can be effectively and economically employed; and in the event any employee shall be found by the Commission to be incompetent or inefficient or his employment not economically justified, then it shall be the right of the State Roads Commission, in its discretion, to discharge him. The State Roads Commission shall also have the right to employ replacement or additional personnel, in order to carry out the purposes of this Act, after giving due consideration to any recommendations made by the County Commissioners or other duly constituted road authorities, and to discharge such employees when incompetent, inefficient or when their employment is not economically justified.

7D. The State Roads Commission is authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to expend all or any part of the fund to be allocated to Maryland under the provisions of the Federal Highway Act (commonly known as the Post Road Fund) upon any one or more major construction or reconstruction highway or bridge projects in the State. In the event the State Roads Commission shall expend, in whole or in part, the portion of the said Post Road Fund which would have been distributed to a particular County on a mileage basis as heretofore, upon any such major project outside of that County, then the State Roads Commission in that event is authorized and empowered to expend in that County to carry out the purpose of this Act,