

any bridge and opening of any new road, and for repairing and reconstructing public roads and bridges in said county. All of the taxes levied and collected under the provisions of this section shall be disbursed by the said County Commissioners upon the roads and bridges in said county, and in the manner hereinafter provided, and in no other way.

229. The County Commissioners of Somerset county shall, within sixty days after this Act becomes operative, as hereinafter provided for, appoint some competent person, who shall have a sufficient knowledge of civil engineering to enable him to accurately make surveys, plats, profiles and specifications for the grading, draining, maintenance and repairs and reconstruction of the public roads of said county, and also to do all necessary engineering work for the building or rebuilding of bridges, and who shall have had at least three years' experience in engineering work, county road engineer for Somerset county, at a salary not exceeding fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars a year, payable monthly; and the said county road engineer shall hold his office, and be paid for his services, from the fifteenth day of April, 1908, until removed for cause, as hereinafter provided.

230. The said county road engineer shall not be liable to removal from office for any reason other than incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, and then upon the sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of Somerset county, to be filed with the County Commissioners, or upon complaint by the clerk of said County Commissioners, filed by their direction; and every such complaint shall state specifically the nature and character of such charge, of which due notice shall be given to said county road engineer, and if the said County Commissioners, after hearing such charges, at which the said engineer and the parties making complaint shall be entitled to be present, by counsel, to produce any competent testimony, shall find that said county road engineer is incompetent or has been guilty of wilful neglect of duty, it shall be their duty to immediately remove said county road engineer from office; but either party to such hearing shall be entitled to an appeal from the decision of said County Commissioners to the Circuit Court for Somerset county; provided, that said appeal is taken within five days thereafter, which appeal shall be heard de novo by said court, at its next regular term, without the intervention of jury; and if the said court, after hearing all the evidence, shall find that the said county road engineer is incompetent or has been guilty of wilful neglect of duty, it may pass an order removing said engineer from office, in which case the said engineer shall not be entitled to receive any salary from the date of the order of the County Commissioners, from which such appeal was taken.