

directed to levy each year thereafter, in addition to the regular levy of forty thousand dollars, a further sum which shall be equal to the amount which said road directors may or shall have received from the State of Maryland, or which may have been expended by the State of Maryland in the building of roads in Allegany county during the preceding year; it being the intention of this Act to require such County Commissioners to levy for the use of said road directors a sum of money for permanent road improvements to duplicate the contributions to the roads of Allegany county which may be made by the State of Maryland under the so-called Shoemaker Law, and under any laws which now or hereafter may be in force for permanent road improvements; provided, however, that the said County Commissioners shall not be required to levy in any year for such permanent road work any sum in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars. And if it shall so happen that in making permanent road improvements short sections of said permanent roads shall be narrower in width than required by the State law making provision for the payment of half of the cost of such permanent roads, or if it shall so happen that portions or sections of said permanently improved roads may otherwise be disqualified to receive said State aid, then, upon certificate to said effect the Road Engineer of Allegany county, the respective sums of money which such narrow portions or otherwise disqualified portions of such permanently improved roads shall have cost, may be paid for out of the levy herein provided for permanent road work, even though said road directors shall prove unsuccessful in establishing a claim for half the cost of such disqualified section thereof as against the State of Maryland. And the road directors are hereby empowered to expend not more than four hundred dollars (\$400) a year for clerk hire in connection with such permanent improvements or other road expenditures for the said county, and the said road directors shall file monthly with the clerk of the County Commissioners an itemized statement showing the expenditures made in the preceding month in connection with such permanent and other road work.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on and after the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1908.

CHAPTER 544.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Allegany County to levy money for the purpose of build-