

as hereinafter provided, or until he voluntarily relinquishes the same, and who shall receive a salary not to exceed two thousand dollars per year, payable monthly. He shall be a graduated civil engineer, or shall have had at least five years practical experience in civil engineering, and the County Commissioners shall make such appointment without reference to the political opinions of the person so appointed.

194. The county road engineer shall not be liable to removal from office for any other reason than incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, or other cause which may impair his usefulness, and then upon the sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of Anne Arundel county, to be filed with the County Commissioners, and every such complaint shall state specifically the nature of the charges preferred, of which due notice shall be given the county road engineer; if the County Commissioners, after fully inquiring into said charges at a hearing at which the county road engineer and the parties making complaint shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, and to produce any competent testimony, shall find that the county road engineer is incompetent or has wilfully neglected his duties under this Act, they shall immediately remove him from office and without unreasonable delay appoint another person having the qualifications hereinbefore provided.

195. The county road engineer shall reside in Anne Arundel county during the term of his office, and shall have charge, control and supervision of the working, repairing and reconstructing of the public roads and bridges in said county, and shall make all specifications for the building of new roads and bridges. He shall have charge and control of all teams, carts, wagons, machinery, implements and accessories which may be purchased or provided by the County Commissioners for the purposes of this Act; and shall employ such labor, teams and implements as may be by him and by the County Commissioners deemed necessary in connection with work on public roads and bridges to be paid for by the County Commissioners. He shall not work out or expend upon the roads and bridges of any district of the county a greater amount in any one fiscal year than the amount levied in such district by the County Commissioners as a district road tax, nor shall he expend in any fiscal year upon county roads and bridges a greater amount than is levied or appropriated by the County Commissioners therefor without first obtaining the written permission of said commissioners so to do. He shall appear before the County Commissioners at their first meeting in each and every month and make a full and exact statement to them of all work done or contemplated by him and of all money expended. He shall