

son at least five days' notice of such intended change, and an opportunity to be heard thereon, or unless such person shall waive such notice. Any person interested may appeal to the Circuit Court for Baltimore county from the final order of ratification or rejection of such report or award by the Highways Commission, the parties to such appeal to be arranged in the record of proceedings as their actual interests may require, said appeal to be taken within the time and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained. If after the proceedings aforesaid it shall be finally determined that a road shall be opened, altered, relocated or closed as aforesaid, then the entire cost thereof, including a sufficient amount to refund to the depositor the preliminary cost, and all damages to be paid persons found to be damaged by such proposed work, shall be deemed due and payable by the persons or district funds to whom or which the same was assessed as aforesaid, and such assessment or award shall be considered a tax and lien upon the property, real and personal, of the person or corporation assessed, to the same extent and as fully as State and county taxes, and subject to the same limitation as to time, if not paid within thirty days of the final order of ratification of such award or return, may be collected by the Treasurer of the county by an action of debt or in the same manner as other taxes are ordinarily collected, or by a bill in equity at the instance of the Treasurer for the enforcement of such lien. When all of such assessments shall have been paid into the County Treasury as aforesaid, the Commission shall give an order on the Treasurer for the repayment to the depositors of the amount paid into the Treasury by them for preliminary expenses as above provided. No work shall be done on said road nor any contract made therefor, and if the petition be for the closing of a road, no final order closing such road shall be passed, until all the assessments made as aforesaid shall have been actually paid into the County Treasury, and when any new road is to be opened or old one altered or improved, the work may be given out by contract or be done by the Commission under the direction of the Roads Engineer and superintendence of the Road Supervisors of their district, as the Commission may determine; provided the contract price or cost of construction of such road as the case may be shall not exceed the amount of the net assessments collected for that purpose, and the Commission shall not pay in full for the making of such road until the same shall have been thoroughly examined and accepted them, and when so examined and accepted said road shall be opened to public travel, and shall be recorded as a public road of the county, and thenceforth kept in repair as such; provided, however, that the Commission shall not be liable in damages for any injury happening on said road by