

be, and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows, and that the following additional sections be added to the foregoing article, to be designated sections 160A, 160B and 160C, to read as follows:

157. The County Commissioners of Charles county shall have the control and regulation of the public roads and bridges in said county except in so far as the same shall not be regulated by the provisions of this Act.

158. From and after the fifteenth day of April, 1908, and until the fifteenth day of April, 1914, the control and regulation of the construction and repair of the public roads in Charles county shall be entrusted to a Board of Road Commissioners of Charles county, to consist of P. Reed Willis, Conrad Posey and Harry R. Bowling, who, by virtue of this Act, shall be constituted for the purposes herein enumerated, as such Board of Road Commissioners of Charles county, with power to name the supervisors of roads for the said county, not to exceed nine in number, at a salary not to exceed two dollars per day of actual service, and to have entire control and supervision of the work of repairing, constructing or reconstructing the public roads and bridges of Charles county, to the same extent that the same is by existing law vested in the County Commissioners, with the right to employ such help, obtain such teams and implements, as they may deem necessary for the work of repairing, constructing and reconstructing such roads and bridges, to be paid by the treasurer upon the order of said Road Commissioners to the same extent and in the same manner as now provided by law in the case of the County Commissioners. The wages paid for laborers on said roads shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents per day. The said Road Commissioners shall, as soon as possible after their term of office shall begin, appoint some competent person, who shall be a skilled and experienced civil engineer, who shall hold office for six years, and be paid a salary not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars per year. In the appointment of such engineer, the said Road Commissioners shall be governed by the merits and qualifications of the appointee, without reference to his political opinions. The said engineer shall be liable to be removed from office for incompetency or wilful, continued or persistent neglect of duty, upon the sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of Charles county, to be filed in writing with the said Road Commissioners, and every such complaint shall state specifically the nature and character of the charge preferred, of which due notice shall be given the said county road engineer; and if the said Road Commissioners, after hearing said charges, at which the engineer and the parties making com-