

on account of roads, and shall then and annually thereafter levy a sum not less than six thousand nor more than ten thousand dollars for the building and repair of said roads in any one year; provided, that nothing in this section shall prevent the Commissioners from levying an additional amount to build any bridge the cost of which will be one hundred dollars or more.

SEC. 102. The County Commissioners shall, so soon after each annual levy as practicable, apportion the sum so levied for public roads among the several election districts and precincts of the county in exact proportion to the assessed basis of each district and precinct.

SEC. 103. The said County Commissioners are further authorized and empowered to purchase in such manner and on such terms as they may deem best all needful machinery and teams which may be recommended by the road engineer, hereinafter provided, and deemed by them advisable.

SEC. 103A. The County Commissioners of St. Mary's county shall, at their first meeting in May, 1908, appoint some competent person as road engineer, who shall have sufficient knowledge of civil engineering to enable him to accurately make surveys and specifications for the grading, draining, maintenance, repairs and reconstruction of the public roads of said county, and also to do the necessary engineering work for the building or rebuilding of bridges, at a salary of not less than six hundred nor more than one thousand dollars a year, payable monthly; and said County Commissioners shall make such appointments without any reference whatever to the political opinions of the person appointed.

SEC. 103B. The County Commissioners shall, at their first meeting in May, 1908, and as often thereafter as shall be necessary by reason of a vacancy from any cause, appoint one supervisor for each election district and precinct of the county, said supervisor in all cases being selected with special regard to their knowledge and skill in directing road work, and subject to the approval of the road engineer and to dismissal by him at any time for incompetency or neglect of duty. The compensation for said supervisors shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per day, and for all laborers who shall be employed by the road engineer or the supervisors, subject to the approval of the engineer, one dollar a day; and provided, that the engineer or supervisor shall in no case employ any person or persons to be paid a greater amount without first obtaining the written consent of the County Commissioners.

SEC. 103C. The county road engineer shall reside in St. Mary's county during the term of his office, and shall have