

Section 159. During the Session of the General Assembly of Maryland at its January Session in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and at each regular session thereafter, the Governor shall appoint two persons, being registered voters of Charles County, who shall constitute the Board of Road Commissioners of Charles County, and who shall assume the duties of their office on the first day of June succeeding their appointment, and to hold their said offices for the period of two years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified; the said appointments to be so made as to maintain at all times equal representation of the two leading political parties of the State, on said Board of Road Commissioners of Charles County. And in event of a vacancy in said Board of Road Commissioners of Charles County, the Governor shall appoint a person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies in said Board, the said appointments to fill such vacancy or vacancies to be so made as to maintain at all times equal representation of the two leading political parties of the State on said Board of Road Commissioners of Charles County.

Section 160. Each Road Commissioner provided for by this Act shall receive two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per annum, payable quarterly, said sums to be paid by the Treasurer of Charles County, upon the order of the Board of Road Commissioners of Charles County, out of the general fund provided to be levied for the roads and bridges of Charles County.

Section 160-A. Whenever the Board of Road Commissioners of Charles County shall find it necessary to open an outlet or water-course through private property in said County, to secure the proper drainage of any public road therein, they shall forthwith notify the owner or owners of said land, and if such owner or owners and said Board of Road Commissioners shall agree upon the value and price to be paid for same, then such consent and agreement shall be entered upon the books of the Board of Road Commissioners, and such outlet or water-course shall be opened; but, if the owner or owners and the Board of Road Commissioners of Charles County shall fail to agree as aforesaid, then the said Board of Road Commissioners shall have such power and authority to condemn the land for such outlet or water-course in the manner as is now or may be hereafter conferred by the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland to the County Commissioners for the condemning of land for the opening of public roads.