

to the State of Maryland in not less than the amount of the contract price. To all such bids there shall be attached the certified check of the bidder, and the bidder who has the contract awarded to him and who fails to promptly and properly execute the contract and bond shall forfeit the said contract. The said check shall be taken and considered as liquidated damages, and not a penalty for failure of said bidder to execute said contract and bond. Upon the execution of said contract and bond by a successful bidder his check shall be returned to him. The amount of said check shall be five hundred dollars. The checks of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them after opening the bids and awarding the contract to the successful bidder; provided, however, that said Commission, with the consent of a majority of all its members, may itself do any part or parts of any such work under such conditions in every respect as it may prescribe by day labor or otherwise. Provided, however, that at any time after the 25th day of March, 1910, the Governor may, in his discretion, appoint one additional member of the State Roads Commission, who shall be a competent person, a citizen, and a resident of this State for not less than ten years, and who shall give his entire time to the performance of the duties to which he is appointed, and who shall as appointed receive as compensation for services a salary of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum, payable in equal monthly instalments, and who as and when appointed with the Governor, ex-officio, and the other five appointees provided for in this subtitle, and their successors in office, shall thereafter be and constitute the special Commission to be known as the State Roads Commission provided for in this subtitle, with all the powers and duties, and subject to all the restrictions as to terms of office and otherwise provided as to the State Roads Commission in this subtitle, and the said additional member, who shall give his entire time to the duties of his office, may be specially assigned to such work as the State Roads Commission shall direct, or to the preparing and accumulation of road-building material in any of the counties, or at some point on the Susquehanna River, or elsewhere, convenient to economical distribution by water among the tide-water counties of this State; and provided further, that no officer or employee of the State Roads Commission shall be or become pecuniarily interested in any contract for work or materials in connection with any of the work of said Commission.

32F. Each county in which a State highway, or any section thereof lies, shall at its own expense keep such highway clear of all obstructions, except ice, to be reasonably safe for travel. The County shall have police jurisdiction of and for all State highways within its limits, and shall forthwith give notice in