

man of such Road Directors, and to be countersigned by the Road Engineers; but this Act shall not be construed as depriving the County Commissioners of such power as they may possess of appropriating sums of money to the different incorporated towns of the County for road improvement, and said County Commissioners are further directed by their annual levy in the year 1910 to levy upon the assessable property of Allegany County an additional sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and by their annual levy in the year 1911 a like sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the use of the Road Directors of such county in the building of permanent roads therein; and such County Commissioners are further directed to levy each year thereafter, in addition to the regular levy of forty thousand dollars, further sum which shall be equal to the amount which said Road Directors may or shall have received from the State of Maryland, of which may have been expended by the State of Maryland in the building of roads in Allegany County during the preceding year, under the so-called Shoemaker Law; it being the intention of this Act to require such County Commissioners to levy for the use of said Road Directors a sum of money for permanent road improvements to duplicate the contributions to the roads of Allegany County made by the State under the so-called Shoemaker Law. Provided, however, that the said County Commissioners shall not be required to levy in any year for such permanent road work, under this Act, any sum in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars. And if it shall so happen that in making permanent road improvements short sections of such permanent roads shall be narrower in width than required by the State law providing for the payment of half the cost thereof, or that portion of said roads shall be otherwise disqualified said State aid, then upon certificate to said effect of the Road Engineer of Allegany County, the respective sums of money which such narrow or disqualified roads may have cost may be paid out of the levy herein provided for permanent road work, even though the State may refuse to accord its aid thereto. And the Road Directors are hereby empowered to expend not more than four hundred dollars a year for clerk hire in connection with such permanent improvements, or other road expenditures, in Allegany County; and the said Road Directors shall file monthly reports of their expenditures of all kinds, duly itemized and sworn to by the Chairman of the Board, with the Clerk of the County Commissioners, showing the expenditures made by said Board in the preceding month for road or other purposes.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on and after the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1910.