

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That thirteen additional sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Kent County," subtitle "Roads," said additional sections to come in immediately after Section 167 of said Article 15, and to be known as Sections 167a, 167b, 167c, 167d, 167e, 167f, 167g, 167h, 167i, 167j, 167k, 167l and 167m, and to read as follows:

167a. The County Commissioners of Kent County are authorized and empowered to control and regulate the public roads and bridges in said county, subject to the provisions of this Act.

167b. The County Commissioners of Kent County shall, at the time of making their annual levy, levy upon the taxable property of said county a tax of not less than twenty cents on the hundred dollars, which shall be used for the repair and reconstruction of public roads and bridges in said county, which taxes shall be levied and collected as are other county taxes. The said County Commissioners may appropriate or levy such other sum or sums of money as they may deem requisite for building of new bridges and opening of new roads, and for repairing and reconstructing public roads and bridges in said county. All of the taxes levied and collected under the provisions of this section shall be disbursed by the County Commissioners upon the roads and bridges in said county and in the manner hereinafter provided, and in no other.

167c. The Governor of Maryland shall, within forty days after this Act becomes operative, as herinafter provided for, appoint some competent person, who shall have a sufficient knowledge of civil engineering to enable him to accurately make surveys, plats, profiles and specifications of, or 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, County Road Engineer for Kent County for the term of six years, at a salary of sixteen hundred dollars a year, payable monthly; and the said County Road Engineer shall hold his office and be paid for his services from the day he enters upon his duties, unless removed for cause, as hereinafter provided; and the said Governor shall make such appointments without any reference whatever to the political opinions of the persons so appointed.

167d. The said County Road Engineer shall not be liable to removal from office during his term for any reason other than incompetency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office, and then upon sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of