

pointed, approved and qualified, unless removed for cause. The County Commissioners shall have the power and authority to designate the roads or parts of roads or bridges to be constructed or repaired under the authority of this Act, and such construction or repair shall be made by contract or day labor as may appear most feasible to the Road Engineer with the approval of the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners shall make such appointments without any reference whatever to the political opinions of the person so appointed.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the County Road Engineer shall not be liable to removal from office for any reason other than incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, and then only upon the sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of St. Mary's County, to be filed with the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, or upon complaint by the Clerk of the County Commissioners, filed by their discretion; and every such complaint shall state specifically the nature and character of the charges preferred, of which due and reasonable notice shall be given the County Road Engineer. The County Commissioners shall set a day for considering such charges or complaints, of which the County Road Engineer shall have at least ten days' notice in writing; and if the County Commissioners after hearing such charges in open session, at which the County Road Engineer and the parties making complaint shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and to produce any competent testimony, find that the County Road Engineer is incompetent or has been guilty of wilful neglect of duty, they shall immediately remove him from office.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, whenever the office of County Road Engineer shall become vacant by death, resignation or removal from office, to appoint, within sixty days from the date of such vacancy, some person to fill the same, in the manner and with the same qualifications as prescribed in Section 6 of this Act.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the County Road Engineer shall reside in St. Mary's County during the term of his office. He shall appear before the County Commissioners as often as requested by the County Commissioners, and make a statement to them of the work done. The County Road