

Passed Jan 23, 1835 *An act to provide for the building of a public bridge across Laws Thoroughfare, in Somerset county.*

Commissioners

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Travers Daniel, Severn Mister, William Evans, Gabriel Webster, Levin Ballard, junior, Marcellus Jones and Robert Patterson, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to superintend the location of a bridge across Laws Thoroughfare, and a majority of them are hereby authorised and required to locate said bridge at the most convenient place, and to contract for the building of the bridge upon the most advantageous terms.

Oath required

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said commissioners or a majority of them shall, before proceeding to act, make oath before some justice of the peace, that they will act impartially, and with a view to the interest and convenience of the citizens of Somerset county in locating and contracting for said bridge, and they are hereby required to offer the contract publicly in the Town of Princess Ann, after three weeks notice in the Village Herald, published in said Town, to the lowest and best bidder, who shall give bond to the Levy court in a penalty of five thousand dollars, with security to be approved by the Levy court, for the construction of the bridge in a durable and workmanlike manner.

Contract

Bond

May change location

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners are hereby authorised, to change the county road on either side of Laws Thoroughfare, to the extent of one mile, if the location of the bridge require it, and a saving of expense be thereby effected.

Valuation

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the Levy court of Somerset county be required to appoint two disinterested persons to value the damages, if the county road be changed, and to levy the amount on the assessable property of Somerset county for the use of the owners of the land.

Report—levy

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid commissioners or a majority of them after contracting for said bridge shall report the amount and terms of the contract to the Levy court of Somerset county, who are hereby authorised and required to levy the same, *Provided,* the sum does not exceed two thousand dollars, upon the assessable property of Somerset county, to be paid by the collector on the requisition of the Levy court to the builder of said bridge