

the same. The Road Engineer of Washington County shall be directly answerable to the County Commissioners of Washington County for the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties and the said County Commissioners may remove him from office and he shall be removable from office by them only for wilful neglect of duty, inefficiency, dishonesty, or such other cause as may impair his usefulness in his administration of County affairs relating to roads. But the said Road Engineer shall not be removable from his office by the County Commissioners except upon the sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of Washington County to be filed with the County Commissioners or upon sworn complaint by the Clerk of the County Commissioners, filed by their direction, and every such complaint shall state specifically the nature and the character of the charges preferred, of which due and reasonable notice shall be given the Road Engineer. Hearings in regard to the removal of the Road Engineer shall be public, the Road Engineer and the parties making complaint shall be entitled to representation by counsel and to produce any competent testimony, and the Road Engineer shall have the right to appeal from the decisions of the County Commissioners to the Governor of the State of Maryland, who shall review the case and may either affirm or overrule the decisions of the said County Commissioners thereon. Whenever a vacancy exists in the office of Road Engineer, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall immediately fill the same by the appointment of some competent person who is a graduate in Civil Engineering of a college or university of recognized standing and having not less than five years experience in road and bridge building or a man who has sufficient knowledge of Civil Engineering to enable him to accurately make surveys, plats, profiles and specifications for the building or repair of public roads and bridges and having at least ten years experience in road or bridge building in a supervisory or executive capacity in responsible charge of important road and bridge work. The Road Engineer of Washington County shall be responsible to the County Commissioners for the proper expenditure of all money collected, by levy or otherwise, for county road and bridge purposes. He shall have power to employ as many and such foremen, mechanics, laborers, teams, trucks, crushers, engines, rollers and other equipment or appliances as he may think necessary for the proper construction, care and maintenance of the County roads and fix the wages or hire thereof; and he shall have control and supervision of the operation, preservation and re-