

CHAPTER 349.

(House Bill 134)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 580, Title 59, "Roads and Streets", Offutt's Revised Code, of the Public Local Laws of Baltimore County, 1929 Edition, Section 580, of Article 3, of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, Flack's Code, Edition of 1930, title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Roads and Streets", authorizing the County Commissioners of Baltimore County to expend for work on roads or bridges up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) without receiving bids therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 580, Title 59, "Roads and Streets", Offutt's Revised Code, of the Public Local Laws of Baltimore County, 1929 Edition, Section 580 of Article 3, of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, Flack's Code, Edition of 1930, title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Roads and Streets", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

580. All matters pertaining to and affecting the public highways, roads, bridges, streets and alleys of the county shall be under the general control and supervision of said County Commissioners, who are hereby given power to enter into and make any and all contracts for material, machinery and implements for such public highways and to employ or direct the employment of so many and such agents, superintendents, foremen, inspectors, assistants, mechanics and laborers as may be found necessary for the proper care and maintenance of the same, and to fix the rate of compensation thereof. Said County Commissioners shall have full power to determine how the roads of the county and any special road or roads thereof may be worked, repaired and maintained and to regulate the wages that shall be paid employees engaged in such work and the prices to be paid for material to be used on the same, and to provide for such clerical or other assistance as may be required by them or the Roads Engineer of the county for the efficient performance of their several duties. Such Commissioners shall have the power to let out the repair or maintenance of any road or portion of a road by contract when, in the judgment of said Roads Engineer, such course is deemed advisable, in which case preference shall be given, where practicable, to the owners of land directly interested in the proper care of such road or roads, and such work shall be done under the supervision of road supervisors of the district. Whenever any tax-