

estimation of the value thereof is in excess of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, shall be submitted to competitive bidding on specifications prepared by said Engineer and approved by the County Commissioners; also providing for the County Commissioners to acquire one or more buildings for the housing and care of road machinery and equipment and imposing on said Engineer the duty of the supervision thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 445 to 448 inclusive of Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Harford County", sub-title "Roads", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

445. The County Commissioners of Harford County may appoint a competent person as County Roads Engineer for said County, to hold office from the date of his appointment until his resignation or removal as hereinafter provided. Upon the filling of the office of the Roads Engineer, the following qualifications, salary, duties, etc., pertaining to such office, shall immediately become effective:

The Engineer must have the degree of Civil Engineer and experience in bridge and road building, or have had at least ten years' practical experience in road and bridge building in a supervisory and executive capacity. The Engineer shall receive a salary not to exceed Thirty-six Hundred (\$3600.00) Dollars per year, payable monthly, and an allowance for traveling and other expenses not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars per year.

The said Roads Engineer shall not be liable to removal from office for any other reason than incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, or other cause which may impair his usefulness. He shall not be removed, however, except after written charges preferred against him, and an opportunity to be heard in his defense afforded him. Hearings in regard to his removal from office shall be public, and there shall be no appeal from the decision of the County Commissioners.

He shall give bond to the County Commissioners of Harford County conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties and the protection of said County Commissioners against loss or damage by reason of any act, default, neglect, false or fraudulent statement of his whatsoever, in the penal sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

The said Roads Engineer shall not be interested financially in any individual, firm or corporation from which