

of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) per annum. The Judge may direct that any case shall be heard in the first instance by such master in the manner provided for hearing of cases by the court. Upon the conclusion of such hearing, the Master shall transmit to the Judge all papers relating to the case, together with his findings and recommendations in writing, notice of which shall be given to the parent, guardian or custodian of the child, and, in the Master's discretion, to any other person concerned in the case, and a hearing by the Judge with respect to the Master's findings and recommendations shall be allowed provided any such person requests the same within such time and in such manner as the rules established for the court may provide. In the event that no such hearing is requested, the findings and recommendations of the Master, if and when confirmed by an order of the Judge, shall become the judgment of the court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved May 4, 1945.

CHAPTER 985.

(Senate Bill 591)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "County Commissioners," sub-title "Public Roads," said new section to be known as Section 161A, to follow immediately after Section 161 of said Article, authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset and Worcester Counties to contract to take over and maintain private roads and lanes under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "County Commissioners," sub-title "Public Roads," said new section to be known as Section 161A, to follow immediately after Section 161 of said Article and to read as follows:

161A. The County Commissioners of the several counties may enter into contracts or agreements with the owners