

(1983 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 18 - Queen Anne's County

11-101.

(a) The Director of Public Works shall be an engineering graduate of a college or university of recognized standing and a registered professional engineer, or a person who has had 5 years' experience in engineering. He shall have such other qualifications as may be prescribed by law or regulation. He shall be appointed solely with regard to his qualifications.

(b) The Director shall be appointed by, and shall be responsible to, the County Commissioners, who shall determine [his] THE DIRECTOR'S salary. [He] THE DIRECTOR shall, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County or the Queen Anne's County Merit Board, fix the compensation of [a secretary-treasurer and such] engineering, legal, clerical and other personnel and help, as from time to time [he] THE DIRECTOR may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this sub-title. [The secretary-treasurer appointed by the Director] THE COUNTY TREASURER shall receive and account for all money which shall be due and payable to the department from any source whatsoever.

[(c) All moneys deposited shall be protected by a depository bond, or by such other securities as may be approved by the department. The secretary-treasurer shall give bond to the State of Maryland for not less than \$25,000 with a good and sufficient surety to be approved by the Commissioners, with the condition "that if the above bounden...shall well and faithfully execute his office and shall account to the department for all moneys which he shall receive for account of the department, or be answerable for by law, then the said obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect." The bond, when approved, shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Queen Anne's County. The person so appointed, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take an oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county, in form similar to that taken by Collectors of Taxes, except as to the title of the office. The department is hereby empowered to pay the premiums on all bonds.]

[(d)] (C) All checks issued by the department shall be [countersigned by the Director] SIGNED BY THE COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTERSIGNED BY ONE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. The department shall annually have its accounts audited by a certified public accountant, to be selected by the County Commissioners and paid by the department, and publish a full, true and itemized account, under oath, of its receipts and disbursements in a newspaper published in the county.