

1915. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties the said County Road Engineer shall give bond to the State of Maryland with a surety company in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties imposed upon him by this act; said bond shall be approved by the County Commissioners and recorded in the clerk's office in Harford county, and the premium thereon shall be paid by the County Commissioners.

73c. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of Harford County, whenever the office of the County Road Engineer shall become vacant by death, resignation or removal from office, to appoint within sixty days from the date of such vacancy, some person with the qualifications prescribed in section 73b to fill out the unexpired terms, but nothing in this act shall prevent the County Commissioners, in their judgment, from re-appointing the same County Road Engineer, for a second or any number of terms that they may think proper.

73d. The said County Road Engineer shall give his whole time and attention to the duties of this office and shall not be liable to removal from office for any reason other than incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, and then upon the sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of Harford county, to be filed with said County Commissioners, or upon the complaint of the clerk of the said County Commissioners, filed by their direction, and every such complaint shall state specifically the nature and character of the charges preferred, of which due notice and a copy of said complaint shall be given the said County Road Engineer; and if the said County Commissioners, after hearing said charges (at which hearing the engineer and the parties making complaint shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, and to produce any competent testimony), shall find that said County Road Engineer is incompetent, or has been guilty of wilful neglect of duty, it shall be their duty to immediately remove said County Road Engineer from office; but either party to such hearing shall be entitled to an appeal from the decision of said County Commissioners to the Circuit Court for Harford County, provided that said appeal is taken within five days thereafter, which appeal shall be heard *de novo*, by said Court, at its earliest convenience, without the intervention of a jury; and if the said Court, after hearing all the evidence shall find that said County Road Engineer is incompetent or has been guilty of wilful neglect of duty, it may pass an order removing said engineer from office, and the said engineer shall not be entitled to receive any salary from the date of the order of the County Commissioners removing from office.