

Section 469. The Governor of the State of Maryland shall, after the passage of this Act, appoint as Baltimore County Roads Engineer, a man having the degree of civil engineer and experienced in bridge and road building, or a man who has had at least ten years' experience in road and bridge building, in a supervisory and executive capacity, in charge of important road and bridge work. The Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall be directly answerable to the County Commissioners of Baltimore County for the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties and it shall be the duty of said County Commissioners to remove him from office and he shall be removable from office by them for neglect of duty, inefficiency, dishonesty and for any other cause, matter or thing whatsoever which in the opinion of said County Commissioners necessitates his removal for the better, more efficient or more economical administration of county affairs relating to roads. But the Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall not be removable from his office by the County Commissioners except after written charges preferred against him and an opportunity to be heard in his defense afforded him. Hearings in regard to removal of the Roads Engineer from office shall be public, and there shall be no appeal from the decisions of the County Commissioners thereon. Whenever a vacancy exists in the office of the Roads Engineer the Governor of Maryland shall immediately fill the same.

The Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall be responsible to the County Commissioners for the proper expenditure of all money collected, by levy or otherwise, for county road and bridge purposes. He shall have power to employ so many and such mechanics and laborers as he may think necessary for the proper construction, care and maintenance of the county roads and fix the wages thereof. He shall have power to appoint so many and such assistants, inspectors, foremen and clerks as he may think necessary and to fix their salaries, subject to the approval of said County Commissioners. He shall have power to arbitrarily discharge any of his employees or appointees, without the consent of the County Commissioners, but whenever any one appointed by him and whose salary has been approved by the County Commissioners is discharged by him, he shall immediately notify said County Commissioners in writing of his action and of his reason or reasons therefor. He shall be the sole purchasing agent of all road supplies, materials, and equipment of every kind for use on the county roads and bridges. But he shall make no purchase except on a