

required by law for contracts for the construction of public roads.

38-I. One-half of the expense of the maintenance and repair of all bridges, archways or culverts, including the approaches to such bridges, archways or culverts, which may be required to be constructed in the elimination of any grade crossing, shall be paid by the company or companies operating such railroad. The other half of such expenses shall be defrayed by the State Roads Commission. All of the details with respect to such maintenance and repair shall be determined by the State Roads Commission, whose powers and duties relating thereto shall be subject to all of the provisions of the foregoing sections concerning notice, hearing, penalties, enforcement of orders, etc., so far as the same may be practicable.

38-J. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect or limit the powers vested in or duties imposed upon the County Commissioners of the several Counties under the provisions of Section 240 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Edition of 1924.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any part or parts of this Act or of any Section thereof, shall be held to be unconstitutional, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining part or parts of this Act or of any Section thereof. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have passed the remaining parts of this Act or of any Section thereof, if it had known that such part or parts thereof or of any Section thereof, would be declared unconstitutional.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 31, 1927.