

execution of the powers and duties imposed and conferred by law, and shall fix their respective compensations. Each employee may be covered by a surety bond in accordance with the provisions of Sections 46 through 50 of Article 78A of this Code. Said chairman may remove any of said [person] persons from their positions, but only in the manner hereinafter provided. And said chairman may also rent or lease all proper and necessary offices and other places which he may deem proper and necessary for the performance of the Commission's duties and the purposes of law. The said Commission shall keep a journal in which shall be entered all its proceedings in detail, the correctness of the same to be attested at each succeeding meeting by the chairman and secretary of the Commission. Said Commission shall also keep books showing in detail all expenditures of money in the State in connection with the establishment or improvement of roads, and in connection with all work whatsoever of the Commission, which books and records shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of the State at any time. No member of said Commission shall become pecuniarily interested in any contract for work done or material provided in connection with any of the work of said Commission. The chairman of the Commission may, from time to time, and with the approval of the Secretary of Transportation, adopt such bylaws and rules of procedure for the conduct of the Commission's business as he may deem necessary, and he is authorized to establish such departments within the Commission as he deems necessary to perform properly the objectives and duties of said Commission. The chairman shall annually compile and publish maps and statistics relating to the public roads of the State and showing the progress and status of the work done or entered upon by it and separately for the several counties. All maps, plans and statistics made, collected and compiled under the chairman's direction shall be preserved in the Commission's office and shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of the State. All contracts, agreements, grants, licenses, made or entered into by the chairman on behalf of the Commission shall be recorded in books kept for that purpose, which shall always be open to the inspection of the public.

(b) Subject to the authority of the Secretary of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority as set forth in Articles 41 and 94A of this Code or elsewhere in the laws of Maryland, the chairman of the State Roads Commission shall exercise and perform all power, authority, duties and functions vested in the State Roads Commission by the provisions of this article or by other laws of this State except for the authority and function vested in the State Roads Commission by Article III, Section 40B of the Maryland Constitution and except for the function of giving advice and recommendations to the chairman and to the Secretary of Transportation.

(c) The Secretary of Transportation, and the Maryland Transportation Authority with respect to matters within the Authority's jurisdiction, may by regulations or directives require that the exercise by the chairman of the State Roads Commission of any particular power, duty, or function vested in the chairman [of] by the provisions of this article, be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Transportation or the Maryland Transportation Authority.

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(c) The State Roads Commission, with the approval of the municipality or urban area as the case may be, and with the consent