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An ordinance providing for the appointment of an Electrical Commission for the City of Baltimore, and empowering said Commission to construct a genetal system of conduits under the streets, lanes and alleys of the City of Baltimore, and to empower the said Commission to require all telegraph, telephone, electric light, feed and other (except trolley) wires to be placed underground, and to supervise and direct the manner in which the same shall be done.

Authority to construct a general system of conduits under the streets, etc

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That an Electrical Commission for the City of Baltimore be and the same is hereby created, to consist of the Mayor of the city, *ex officio*, and the City Register, *ex officio*, and President of the Board of Fire Commissioners, *ex officio*, and that said Commission be and it is hereby authorized and directed to construct a general system of conduits under the streets, lanes and alleys of the City of Baltimore for the reception of the wires now strung over said streets, except the trolley wires belonging to street railway companies; said conduits to be constructed within such territory or districts as may be determined by said Electrical Commission, in pursuance of the Act of Assembly of Maryland, Chapter 200, of the Acts of 1892.

Authority to employ Engineer.

SEC. 2. And be it further ordained, That the said Electrical Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to employ a suitable Chief Engineer at such salary as the Commission may direct, not exceeding four thousand dollars ($4,000) a year, who shall cause to be prepared the plans and specifications for the execution of the

work and superintend the construction of the same, but the Chief Engineer shall be an electrical expert as well as a civil engineer.

Authority to employ help.

SEC. 3. And be it further ordained, That the said Electrical Commission be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such engineers, inspectors, draftsmen, electricians, clerks, laborers and other employees as in its judgment are requisite for the best interests of the work.

Authority to purchase materials.

SEC. 4. And be it further ordained, That the said Electrical Commission be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such labor and to purchase such materials as may be necessary to enable the said Commission to perform the work under the direction of the Chief Engineer, or so much of the work as said Commission may deem to the best interest of the City of Baltimore for said Commission to perform, but in hiring labor it shall hire no man who is not a legally registered voter of the City of Baltimore, and in awarding contracts preference shall be given to corporations or persons residing in Baltimore; provided such awards are in conformity with the City Charter.

Registered voters only to be employed.

Commission to have prepared plans and specifications of work to be performed.

SEC. 5. And be it further ordained, That before awarding any contract for the furnishing of any or all materials for beginning the construction or constructing of said conduits, the said Electrical Commission shall have prepared (after obtaining from the various corporations and persons owning overhead wires such data relating