

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. **662** Session of
1919.

INTRODUCED BY MR. RINN, FEBRUARY 25, 1919.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ROADS,
FEBRUARY 26, 1919.

AN ACT

To amend part of section six of an act approved the thirty-first day of May one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws four hundred and sixty-eight) entitled "An act providing for the establishment of a State Highway Department by the appointment of a State Highway Commissioner two Deputy State Highway Commissioners chief engineer chief draughtsman superintendents of highways and a staff of assistants and employes defining their duties and the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department and fixing salaries of Commissioner and deputies and other appointees providing for taking over from the counties or townships of the Commonwealth certain existing public roads connecting county-seats principal cities and towns and extending to the State line describing and defining same by route numbers as the State Highways of the Commonwealth providing for the improvement maintenance and repair of said

State highways solely at the expense of the Commonwealth and relieving the several townships or counties from any further obligation and expense to improve or maintain the same and relieving said townships or counties of authority over same requiring boroughs and incorporated towns to maintain certain State highways wholly and in part requiring the State Highway Commissioner to make maps to be complete records thereof conferring authority on the State Highway Commissioner providing for the payment of damages in taking of property or otherwise in the improvement thereof providing for purchase, or acquiring of turnpikes or toll-roads forming all or part of any State highway and procedure therein providing for work of improvement of State highways to be done by contract except where the State Highway Commissioner decides the work be done by the State providing aid by the State to counties and townships desiring the same in the improvement of township or county roads defining highways and State-aid highways providing method of application for State aid in the improvement maintenance and repair of township or county roads and prescribing the contents of township county borough or incorporated town petitions providing for percentage of cost of improvement or repairs to be paid by State county township borough or incorporated town and requiring contracts by counties townships boroughs and incorporated towns with Commonwealth governing same providing for

the minimum width of State highways and State-aid highways and kind of materials to be used in the improvement providing for payment of cost of improvement and repairs providing penalty for injuring or destroying State highways making appropriations to carry out the provisions of the act and providing for the repeal of certain acts relating to Highway Department and improvement of roads and of all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith and providing that existing contracts are not affected by provisions of this act"

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 Route One Hundred and Fifty-three of section six of an
5 act approved the thirty-first day of May one thousand
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9 ment of a State Highway Commissioner two Deputy State
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13 State Highway Department and fixing salaries of Commis-
14 sioner and deputies and other appointees providing for tak-
15 ing over from the counties or townships of the Com-
16 monwealth certain existing public roads connecting county-
17 seats principal cities and towns and extending to the
18 State line describing and defining same by route numbers

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11 Highway Commissioner providing for the payment of dam-
12 ages in taking of property or otherwise in the im-
13 provement thereof providing for purchase or acquiring of
14 turnpikes or toll-roads forming all or part of any State
15 highway and procedure therein providing for work of im-
16 provement of State highways to be done by contract ex-
17 cept where the State Highway Commissioner decides the
18 work be done by the State providing aid by the State
19 to counties and townships desiring the same in the im-
20 provement of township or county roads defining highways
21 and State-aid highways providing method of application for
22 State aid in the improvement maintenance and repair of
23 township or county roads and prescribing the contents of
24 township county borough or incorporated town petitions
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5 to carry out the provisions of the act and providing
6 for the repeal of certain acts relating to Highway De-
7 partment and improvement of roads and of all acts or
8 parts of acts inconsistent herewith and providing that ex-
9 isting contracts are not affected by provisions of this act"
10 which reads as follows

11 "Route One Hundred and Fifty-three From Philadelphia
12 to Allentown--Commencing at a point on the boundary
13 line of the city of Philadelphia near Chestnut Hill thence
14 running by way of Fort Washington Spring House Mont-
15 gomeryville and Colmar to a point on the dividing line
16 between Montgomery and Bucks counties thence to Line
17 Lexington Sellersville Rockhill and Quakertown to a point
18 on the dividing line between Bucks and Lehigh counties
19 thence by way of Coopersburg to a point on the
20 boundary line of the city of Allentown Lehigh county" is
21 hereby amended to read as follows

22 Route One Hundred and Fifty-three From Philadelphia
23 to Allentown--Commencing at a point on the boundary line
24 of the city of Philadelphia near Chestnut Hill thence run-
25 ning by way of Fort Washington Spring House Mont-
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27 between Montgomery and Bucks counties thence to Line
28 Lexington Sellersville Rockhill and Quakertown to a point

1 on the dividing line between Bucks and Lehigh counties
2 thence by way of Coopersburg and Centre Valley to a
3 point on the boundary line of the city of Allentown Le-
4 high county and also from Centre Valley by the way of
5 Friedensville Colesville and Seidersville to the boundary line
6 of the city of Bethlehem