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AN ACT

Establishing a Bureau of County Highways in certain counties defining the powers and imposing duties of such bureau providing for the appointment of a chief of such bureau and clerks and stenographers and for their salaries payable from the county treasury.

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 *the county commissioners of the several counties containing*
5 *a population of one hundred and fifty thousand inhabi-*
6 *tants and over may establish in the respective counties a*
7 *bureau of county highways The bureau of county high-*
8 *ways shall be in charge of one person designated as the*
9 *chief of the bureau of county highways to be appointed*
10 *by the county commissioners*

11 Section 2 *The county commissioners may appoint such*
12 *clerks and stenographers to assist the chief of such*

1 bureau as may be deemed necessary to carry out the
2 provisions of this act

3 Section 3 The salary of the chief of the bureau shall
4 be at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum
5 The salaries of the clerks and stenographers shall be fixed
6 by the salary board of the respective counties All such
7 salaries shall be paid by the county in the same man-
8 ner as other county officers and employes are paid

9 Section 4 The county commissioners shall provide suit-
10 able quarters for the use of the bureau and shall also
11 provide the necessary equipment with which to properly
12 conduct the work of such bureau The expense thus in-
13 curred shall be paid by the county in like manner as
14 other expenses of the county are paid

15 Section 5 The Chief of the Bureau of County High-
16 ways under the direction of the county commissioners
17 shall

18 First Have general supervision of all county highways
19 county bridges and other highways which are constructed
20 repaired improved or maintained in whole or in part by
21 the aid of county moneys

22 Second Prescribe rules and regulations not inconsistent
23 with law concerning the use of such county highways
24 and bridges

25 Third Compel compliance with all laws rules and
26 regulations relating to all county highways and bridges

27 Fourth Inspect all such highways and bridges at least
28 once in each year and whenever so directed by the
29 county commissioners and advise and direct as to the man-

1 ner of repairing improving and maintaining said highways
2 and bridges

3 Fifth Examine the various formations and deposits of
4 gravel and stone within the respective county for the
5 purpose of ascertaining the materials which are best
6 available and suitable if any for the use on such
7 highways

8 Sixth Prepare tables showing the total number of
9 miles of such highways in the county and compile statis-
10 tics relating to the use thereof and such other infor-
11 mation as he may deem expedient filing a copy of same
12 in the office of the county commissioners

13 Seventh Make an annual report to the county com-
14 missioners for publication if desired covering the work of
15 the bureau the condition and needs of the county high-
16 ways and bridges and containing such recommendations as
17 he shall deem necessary

18 Eighth Perform such other duties and have such
19 other powers as may be by law conferred or imposed
20 by the county commissioners

21 Section 6 The State Highway Commissioner may from
22 time to time provide rules and regulations for the con-
23 duct of the Bureau of County Highways in the respec-
24 tive counties not inconsistent with the provisions of this
25 act for the purpose of better providing for the highways
26 of the State