

No. 135.

## AN ACT

Authorizing county commissioners to make, execute, and deliver agreements and contracts for the improvement or maintenance of certain highways involving the expenditure of county money alone, or in conjunction with that of any township, borough, or incorporated town; authorizing the Secretary of Highways to make surveys and plans and to advertise for, receive, and open bids therefor in the manner now provided in the case of the improvement of State Highways; and validating all agreements or contracts heretofore entered into in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in all cases where any county of this Commonwealth is authorized by law to appropriate and expend moneys for the improvement or maintenance of any public highways, either in full payment thereof or in payment thereof in conjunction with any township, borough, or incorporated town, the county commissioners of such county may make, execute, and deliver all necessary agreements and contracts for such improvement or maintenance with the lowest responsible bidder, and to that end the Secretary of Highways shall be authorized to make all necessary surveys and plans, and to advertise for, receive, and open bids therefor in the manner now provided in the case of the improvement of State highways.

Highways.

Commissioners  
may contract  
for improvement  
of roads.

Secretary of  
Highways to  
make surveys  
and receive bids.

Section 2. All contracts and agreements heretofore made by the county commissioners of any county for the improvement or maintenance of any such public highway in the manner authorized in the foregoing section are hereby validated and made binding upon the county, township, borough, or incorporated town, as the case may be, as if full legal authority existed therefor at the time that such contract was entered into; and are hereby declared to be as sufficient in law as if the same had been made after due notice published by the controller of the said county after approval by him of the purpose of the proposals; and as if bids had been received by the controller under seal and in his presence opened by the commissioners and the contracts awarded; and as if the same had been made after due advertisements and receipt of bids by the authorities of every county, township, borough, or incorporated town which is contributing to the cost of said improvement or maintenance.

Validation of con-  
tracts heretofore  
made.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.