

Section 1. The act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 594), entitled "An act establishing certain township roads as State highways; authorizing their construction, maintenance, and improvement under certain conditions and restrictions; limiting the obligation of the Commonwealth in the construction of certain structures located on such highways; conferring certain powers upon the Department of Highways and local authorities, persons, associations and corporations for sharing the cost of the maintenance and construction of such highways; and making an appropriation to carry out the provisions of said act," is hereby further amended by adding a new route in Bucks County.

Act of June 22, 1931, P. L. 594, further amended by adding a new route in Bucks County.

Bucks County

Route 09158. Beginning at a point on Route 150 near Penn Valley; thence in a general northeasterly direction in Falls Township to the south line of Morrisville Borough, in Bucks County, a distance of about one mile.

Route 09158.

Section 2. This act shall become effective the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two.

Act effective January 1, 1952.

APPROVED—The 5th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 490

AN ACT

To further amend section four of the act, approved the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 372), entitled "An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating The General State Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve, equip, furnish, and operate projects, and to lease the same, and to fix fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds for said Authority, and providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of the holders thereof; and to enter into agreements with the Government of the United States or any Federal agency; and authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to grant, assign, convey, or lease to the Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein, and to acquire lands therefor; granting the right of eminent domain; empowering The General State Authority to sell and convey projects and property to the Commonwealth; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act," by authorizing flood control projects, the purchase of lands for rehabilitation purposes in connection with State institutions, and increasing the borrowing capacity of the Authority.

"The General State Authority Act of 1949."

Section 4, act of March 31, 1949, P. L. 372, clause (d) of which was amended by act of September 26, 1951 (Act No. 375), further amended.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section four of the act, approved the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 372), entitled "An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating The General State Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve, equip, furnish, and operate projects, and to lease the same, and to fix fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds for said Authority, and providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of the holders thereof; and to enter into agreements with the Government of the United States or any Federal agency; and authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to grant, assign, convey, or lease to the Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein, and to acquire lands therefor; granting the right of eminent domain; empowering The General State Authority to sell and convey projects and property to the Commonwealth; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act," clause (d) of which was amended by the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of September, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Act No. 375), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Purposes and Powers; General.—The Authority is created for the purpose of constructing, improving, equipping, furnishing, maintaining, acquiring, and operating sewers, sewer systems, and sewage treatment works for State institutions of every kind and character (heretofore or hereafter constructed), public buildings for the use of the Commonwealth, an official residence in the City of Harrisburg which shall thereafter be used as the official residence of the Governor of the Commonwealth, State arsenals, armories, and military reserves, State airports and landing fields, State institutions of every kind and character (heretofore or hereafter constructed), additions and improvements to land grant colleges, school buildings and the furnishings and equipment thereof for the use of the public schools, State highways, and bridges, toll bridges, tunnels, and traffic circles on State highways, swimming pools, and lakes on State land, low head dams, improvements to river embankments, desilting dams, impounding basins, *flood control projects, and the purchase of lands for rehabilitation purposes in connection with State institutions* (any and all the foregoing being herein called "projects"): Provided, however, That the purpose and

intent of this act being to benefit the people of the Commonwealth by, among other things, increasing their commerce and prosperity, and not to unnecessarily burden or interfere with existing business by the establishment of competitive enterprises, none of the powers granted hereby (other than for the construction, improvement and maintenance of bridges) shall be exercised in the construction, improvement, maintenance, extension or operation of any project or projects which, in whole or in part, shall duplicate or compete with existing enterprises serving substantially the same purposes, and the Authority is hereby granted and shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the aforesaid purposes, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:

(a) To have perpetual existence as a corporation.

(b) To sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, complain and defend in all courts.

(c) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.

(d) To acquire, purchase, hold, and use any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of the Authority, and (without limitation of the foregoing) to lease as lessee, with the approval of the Governor, any property, real, personal or mixed, or any interest therein, for a term not exceeding ninety-nine (99) years at a nominal rental or at such annual rental as may be determined and, with the approval of the Governor, to lease as lessor to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and any city, county, school district, or other political subdivision, or any agency, department, or public body of the Commonwealth, or land grant college, any project at any time constructed by the Authority, whether wholly or partially completed, and any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, at any time acquired by the Authority, whether wholly or partially completed, and with the approval of the Governor, to sell, transfer and convey to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, any project at any time constructed by the Authority, and any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, at any time acquired by the Authority.

(e) To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and to construct, improve, equip, furnish, maintain, repair, and operate projects.

(f) To make by-laws for the management and regulation of its affairs.

(g) To appoint officers, agents, employes, and servants; to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation.

(h) To fix, alter, charge, and collect rates, rentals, and other charges for the use of the facilities of, or for the services rendered by, the Authority or projects thereof, at reasonable rates, to be determined by it, for the purpose of providing for the payment of the expenses of the Authority, the construction, improvement, repair, equipping, furnishing, maintenance, and operation of its facilities and properties, the payment of the principal of and interest on its obligations, and to fulfill the terms and provisions of any agreements made with the purchasers or holders of any such obligations.

(i) To borrow money, make and issue negotiable notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness or obligations (herein called "bonds") of the Authority, not exceeding [one hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$175,000,000)] *two hundred thirty-five million dollars (\$235,000,000)* in the aggregate, and to secure the payment of such bonds, or any part thereof, by pledge or deed of trust of all or any of its revenues, rentals, and receipts, and to make such agreements with the purchasers or holders of such bonds or with others in connection with any such bonds, whether issued or to be issued, as the Authority shall deem advisable, and in general to provide for the security for said bonds and the rights of the holders thereof.

(j) To make contracts of every name and nature, and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient for the carrying on of its business.

(k) Without limitation of the foregoing, to borrow money and accept grants from, and to enter into contracts, leases or other transactions with, any Federal agency.

(l) To have the power of eminent domain.

(m) To pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber all or any of the revenues or receipts of the Authority as security for all or any of the obligations of the Authority.

(n) To do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers granted to it by this act or any other acts.

(o) To enter into agreements with the Secretary of Highways of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the construction or reconstruction of highways and bridges by the Authority and the acquisition of toll bridges by the Authority, under such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

(p) To acquire, by assignment from the Commonwealth, contracts which are not completed and which involve constructing, improving, equipping, furnishing,

maintaining, and operating the structures, facilities, or undertakings similar to those designated herein as projects.

Except as otherwise provided by law, when projects are to be constructed, improved, equipped, furnished, maintained, repaired or operated for the use of any department of the Commonwealth, as hereinbefore listed in this section, no plans or specifications therefor shall be presented for quotations or bids until such plans and specifications shall have been submitted to and approved by the department of the Commonwealth which shall use such project, the Department of Property and Supplies, the Department of Labor and Industry, and any other department of the Commonwealth having any jurisdiction over the projects, so that the project will conform to standards established by these departments.

Provided further, That the Authority shall have no power at any time or in any manner to pledge the credit or taxing power of the Commonwealth or any of its cities, counties, school districts, or other political subdivisions, nor shall any of its obligations or debts be deemed to be obligations of the Commonwealth or any of its cities, counties, school districts, or political subdivisions, nor shall the Commonwealth or any city, county, school district, or political subdivision thereof be liable for the payment of principal of, or interest on, such obligations.

Section 2. Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) of the increase herein authorized shall be used solely for flood control projects.

Amount allocated
for flood control
projects.

APPROVED—The 5th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 491

AN ACT

To provide for the coverage of certain officers and employees of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions under the old-age and survivor insurance provisions of Title II of the Federal Social Security Act, as amended; creating the State Agency and conferring powers and imposing duties upon the State Agency; authorizing the State Agency to enter into agreements with the Federal Security Administrator and with political subdivisions under certain terms and conditions; providing for the Commonwealth's contribution under agreements with the Federal Security Administrator and for the collection and payment of employer and employe contributions; authorizing interstate cooperation in certain cases; creating a Contribution Fund; and making appropriations.