ceedings, including the cost for the title search or title insurance policy, and all tax and municipal claims, penalties and interest thereon, charged against the property whereupon the proceedings on petition shall at once determine.

Testimony.

(c) For the purpose of enabling the petitioner in any proceedings to give the notice required, it may take the testimony of the defendant in the claim, or of any other person whom it may have reason to believe has knowledge of the whereabouts of any of the parties respondent, either by deposition, commission or letters rogatory.

Right of bidding.

(d) Any claimant may bid and become the purchaser of the property at such sale, and if such purchaser shall be a taxing authority within the city or county, such property while held and owned by such taxing authority, shall not be subject to tax claims, unless it be redeemed by the former owner or other person having the right to redeem, as provided by law. If, however, a city or county, or a taxing authority within the city or county, shall become the purchaser at said sale, the former owner or other persons, desiring to redeem, shall pay all taxes and municipal claims accrued and chargeable against the property prior to the sale thereof, together with the costs and interest thereon, and also all taxes and claims, whether filed or not, which would have accrued and become chargeable against the property had the same been purchased at the sale by some party other than the city or county, or a taxing authority within the city or county.

Required payments by person redeeming.

(e) Upon the delivery by the sheriff of a deed for any property sold under the provisions of this section, the judgment upon which such sale was had shall thereupon and forever thereafter be final and conclusive, and the validity thereof shall not be questioned for any cause whatsoever.

Act effective immediately.

Finality of

which sold.

judgment upon

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately. Approved—The 15th day of March, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER.

No. 389 AN ACT

Amending the act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twentynine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the cours and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," authorizing use of warning figures commonly known as "silent policemen" to be erected within school zones on highways and State highways by certain political subdivisions.

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

The Vehicle Code.

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section one thousand one hundred ten of the act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended June five, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1718), is amended to read:

Subsection (a), section 1110, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended June 5, 1937, P. L. 1718. further amended.

Section 1110. Erection of Traffic Signs, Signals, and Markings.—

(a) The Secretary of Highways of this Commonwealth, with reference to State highways, and local authorities in counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, and townships of the first class, with reference to highways under their jurisdiction, are hereby authorized to erect and maintain official traffic signs, signals, and markings. Before local authorities, except in cities of the first and second class, shall erect or cause to be erected traffic signals, they must first obtain the approval of the Secretary of Highways of this Commonwealth.

Local authorities in counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships and school districts, may, at their discretion, place or cause to be placed and used within school zones, warning figures commonly known as silent policemen, on highways and State highways within such political subdivisions, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) A school zone shall be a distance not exceeding one hundred (100) feet from the nearest boundary of the school grounds in any direction.
- (2) No such warning figure shall be left in place on any highway, except for the period beginning one hour before school convenes and ending one hour after school adjourns.

- (3) No such warning figure shall be placed on any highway in conflict with any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated by the Secretary of Highways under section eleven hundred five of this act.
- (4) The Secretary of Highways with reference to State highways, and local authorities in counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may, in their discretion, determine the proper placing and location of such warning figures.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved—The 15th day of March, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER.

No. 390

AN ACT

Amending the act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twentynine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omniouses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," by changing requirements and penalties concerning lamps and illuminating devices.

The Vehicle Code.

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

Section 1. Section eight hundred two, act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended by adding, after subsection (c) thereof, two (2) new subsections to read:

> Section 802. Additional Permissible Lights and Devices.—

Section 802, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended by adding two new subsections (d) and (e).