such bonds exempt from taxation; constituting such bonds legal investments in certain instances; prescribing conditions upon which such turnpike shall become free; providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and authority to municipal subdivisions and agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; and authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue refunding bonds," is amended by adding after section 5, a new section to read:

Section 5.1. The commission, at its option, may authorize the Department of Property and Supplies to prescribe standards and specifications and make contracts and purchases of various materials and services for the commission, pursuant to the provisions of sections 2403, 2403.1 and 12409 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929."

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED-The 27th day of June, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 131

AN ACT

HB 1996

Amending the act of April 18, 1949 (P. L. 604), entitled "An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating a State Highway and Bridge Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, reconstruct, improve, maintain, equip, furnish, and operate highway and bridge projects, and roadside rests, and to lease the same, and to fix and collect fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds by 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 Highways to grant, assign, convey, or lease to the Authority lands, easements, or rights of way of the Commonwealth and interests therein, and to acquire lands therefor; authorizing said Authority and the Department of Highways to enter into agreements providing for mutual cooperation in furtherance of the construction of any project hereby authorized; granting the right of eminent domain; empowering said Authority to sell and convey projects and property to the Commonwealth; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; and making an appropriation," further regulating the acquisition of various materials and services.

^{1 &}quot;2309" in original.

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

Section 1. Section 4, act of April 18, 1949 (P. L. 604), known as the "State Highway and Bridge Authority Act," is amended by adding after clause (e.1), a new clause to read:

Section 4. Purposes and Powers; General.—The Authority is created for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, improving, equipping, furnishing, maintaining and operating State highways, bridges, viaducts, toll bridges, tunnels, traffic circles on State highways, maintenance sheds, offices and garages and roadside rests (any and all of the foregoing being herein called "projects"). 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:

(e.2) At its option it may authorize the Department of Property and Supplies to prescribe standards and specifications and make contracts and purchases of various materials and services for the Authority, pursuant to the provisions of sections 2403, 2403.1 and 12409 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929."

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 27th day of June, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 132

AN ACT

HB 2338

Amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P. L. 1050), entitled "An act relating to the collection of taxes levied by counties, county institution districts, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships, certain school districts and vocational school districts; conferring powers and imposing duties on tax collectors, courts and various officers of said political subdivisions; and prescribing penalties," regulating collection of fourth, fifth and sixth class county and institution district taxes in third class cities; providing for bonding and compensation of such collectors of county taxes.

¹ "2309" in original.