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**LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

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1919.**

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**INTRODUCED BY MR. R. L. WALLACE, MARCH 17, 1919.**

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**REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY SPECIAL,  
MARCH 18, 1919.**

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**AN ACT**

Supplementary to the Public Service Company Law approved the twenty-sixth day of July Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and thirteen giving to the Public Service Commission the power in the elimination of grade crossings to direct the construction of bridges or viaducts over above and across railroads and railways and where necessary across rivers and streams and in order to affect said elimination to change the location to a new place or to another street or highway and where the said bridge or viaduct is located by the Commission and directed to be constructed in the line of any street or highway which crosses a navigable river or a stream which has been declared a public highway by act of Assembly at a point where the Commonwealth has

been authorized to construct a public bridge to replace a county bridge destroyed by flood or other casualty to provide for the payment by the Commonwealth of part of the cost of said improvement from appropriations made to the Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings the making of the contract and the expenditure of said appropriation

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 Public Service Commission of this Commonwealth in  
5 order to eliminate grade crossings may order and direct  
6 that a viaduct or bridge be constructed over above and  
7 across the several railroad tracks or lines and also  
8 where the same becomes necessary over above and across  
9 rivers and streams which it may be found necessary to  
10 cross in order to eliminate the said grade crossings and  
11 to change the location thereof to a new place or to  
12 another street or highway and to apportion the cost ex-  
13 pense and maintenance thereof in the manner now pro-  
14 vided by law

15 Section 2 That when any bridge or viaduct is di-  
16 rected to be constructed in the manner set forth in the  
17 preceding section and the same is located in the line of  
18 any public street or highway which crosses any navigable  
19 river or stream which has been declared a public high-  
20 way by act of Assembly across which a bridge has been  
21 or shall hereafter be authorized to be constructed at the

1 expense of the Commonwealth to replace a county bridge  
2 destroyed by flood or other casualty it shall be lawful  
3 for the Public Service Commission to direct that a cer-  
4 tain part or portion of the cost of constructing said  
5 bridge or viaduct shall be paid by the Commonwealth  
6 the said cost and expense however not to exceed what  
7 it would cost to construct that part of said bridge or  
8 viaduct which spans any such river or stream at the  
9 point where the said structure is being or is directed  
10 to be built by said Public Service Commission

11 Section 3 Any contract for the construction of said  
12 bridge shall be subject to the approval of the Board of  
13 Public Grounds and Buildings and the amount which the  
14 Commonwealth will be responsible to pay on the said  
15 contract shall be certified by the said board and attached  
16 to the contract

17 Section 4 The cost and expenses of the rebuilding or  
18 erection of any such bridge by the Commonwealth shall  
19 be paid from any appropriations made to the Board of  
20 Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings for the re-  
21 building of county bridges and shall be paid out in the  
22 manner set forth in the contract