

construction or maintenance of any such bridge under any agreement or order of court or under any order of the Public Service Commission heretofore or hereafter made.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment. When effective

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 160

AN ACT

To amend section fourteen of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred sixty-eight), entitled "An act providing for the establishment of a State Highway Department, by the appointment of a State Highway Commissioner, two Deputy State Highway Commissioners, chief engineer, chief draughtsman, superintendents of highways, and a staff of assistants and employes; defining their duties and the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department, and fixing salaries of commissioner and deputies and other appointees; providing for taking over from the counties or townships of the Commonwealth certain existing public roads connecting county seats, principal cities, and towns and extending to the State line; describing and defining same by route numbers as the State highways of the Commonwealth; providing for the improvement, maintenance and repair of said State highways solely at the expense of the Commonwealth, and relieving the several townships or counties from any further obligation and expense to improve or maintain the same, and relieving said townships or counties of authority over same; requiring boroughs and incorporated towns to maintain certain State highways wholly and in part; requiring the State Highway Commissioner to make maps to be complete records thereof; conferring authority on the State Highway Commissioner; providing for the payment of damages in taking of property, or otherwise, in the improvement thereof; providing for purchase or acquiring of turnpikes or toll-roads forming all or part of any State highway, and procedure therein; providing for work of improvement of State highways to be done by contract, except where the State Highway Commissioner decides the work be done by the State; providing aid by the State to counties and townships desiring the same in the improvement of township or county roads; defining highways and State-aid highways; providing method of application for State aid in the improvement, maintenance and repair of township or county roads and prescribing the contents of township, county, borough, or incorporated town petitions; providing for percentage of cost of improvement or repairs to be paid by State, county, township, borough, or incorporated town, and requiring contracts by counties, townships, boroughs, and incorporated towns with Commonwealth governing same; providing for the minimum width of State highways and State-aid highways, and kind of materials to be used in the improvement; providing for payment of cost of improvement and repairs; providing penalty for injuring or destroying State highways; making appropriations to carry out the provisions of the act; and providing for the repeal of

certain acts relating to Highway Department and improvement of roads, and of all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith; and providing that existing contracts are not affected by provisions of this act," by changing the requirements for public notices of proposals for construction, reconstruction, or improvement of all State highways, under the provisions of this act.

Highways.

Section 14, act of May 31, 1911 (P. L. 463), further amended.

Advertisement for proposals.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section fourteen of said act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred sixty-eight), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 14. Advertisement for proposals for construction, reconstruction, or improvement of all State highways, under the provisions of this act, shall be made by the [State Highway Commissioner] *Secretary of Highways*, at least three weeks before the contract may be awarded, by public notices inserted [once a week] *at least twice* in at least [two newspapers] *one newspaper* of general circulation in the county [or counties] in which the highway to be improved is located, *and where the highway to be improved is located in more than one county, then in at least two newspapers in at least two of such counties*; such advertisements to designate where the plans and specifications may be had, and the time and place of the reception of bids and letting of the contract. The [State Highway Commissioner] *Secretary of Highways* may, at his discretion, insert the same advertisement in other newspapers or engineering periodicals.

When effective.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 161

AN ACT

Requiring the consent of the electors of a township of the first class when such township, or any part thereof, is to be annexed to a contiguous borough or city.

Townships of the first class.

Annexation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That hereafter no township of the first class, nor any part of any such township, shall be annexed to a contiguous city or borough in accordance with any existing law providing for such annexation, unless the voters of the entire township have first consented to such annexation. Whenever any proceeding for such annexation shall be commenced, the same shall not be concluded and the annexation shall not become effective until there has first been submitted to the electors of the entire township, in accordance