

No. 291.

AN ACT

Authorizing the purchasing or building of residences for principals, teachers, or janitors by school districts of the fourth class.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be lawful for school districts of the fourth class, by and through the board of directors, when it is considered necessary by said board of directors, to purchase or build a residence or residences for the use of the principal or teacher or janitor, or either or all of these, as shall be deemed advisable, in the same manner, upon the same procedure, as other school buildings are, under existing laws, purchased or erected; and such school districts, with the approval first had and obtained of the State Board of Education, in the manner and form to be prescribed by said State Board of Education, are authorized to expend the funds of the school district and to borrow money for the purchase or erection of such residences in the same manner as for other school buildings. Any such district may fix and charge a rental for the use of such building, which rental shall be paid into the school treasury. All property acquired under this act shall be held by said school district the same as other school property.

School districts
of the fourth
class.

Residences for
teachers and
janitors.

Purchase or
erection.

Rental charges.

Title.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 292.

AN ACT

To amend section eight of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and eleven, 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 and 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"; providing for vacation of abandoned portions of State highway routes.

Highway Department.

Highways.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section eight of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, Anno Domini 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," which reads as follows:—

"Section 8. Whenever in the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of any of the State highways it shall appear to the commissioner that any part or portion of a State highway, as now defined and described in this act, is dangerous or inconvenient to the traveling public, in its present location, either by reason of grades, dangerous turns, or other local conditions; or that the expense to the Commonwealth in the construction, building, rebuilding, maintenance, and repair thereof would be too great or unreasonable, and could be materially reduced or lessened by a divergence from the road or route; the commissioner is hereby empowered to divert the course or direction of same; and he may diverge from the line or route of same as herein described, in such direction or directions as in his discretion may seem best, in order to correct said danger or inconvenience or lessen the cost to the Commonwealth: Provided, That the said commissioner shall first submit a plan of the proposed change to the Governor and that the same shall be approved by him," be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:—

Section 8. Whenever, in the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of any of the State highways, it shall appear to the commissioner that any part or portion of a State highway, as now defined and described in this act, is dangerous or inconvenient to the traveling public, in its present location, either by reason of grades, dangerous turns, or other local con-

Section 8, act of
May 31, 1911
(P. L. 468),
cited for amend-
ment.

Change of route
where highway is
dangerous or
inconvenient.

Vacation of abandoned portions.

ditions, or that the expense to the Commonwealth in the construction, building, rebuilding, maintenance, and repair thereof would be too great or unreasonable, and could be materially reduced or lessened by a divergence from the road or route, the commissioner is hereby empowered to divert the course or direction of same, and he may diverge from the line or route of same as herein described in such direction or directions as in his discretion may seem best, in order to correct said danger or inconvenience or lessen the cost to the Commonwealth; and where the portion of the line or route so abandoned shall be entirely contiguous to the new line, or, being of a length not exceeding one-half of a mile, shall have both termini in the new route, whereby such new route supplies and takes the place of the abandoned portion, so that, in the opinion of the commissioner, the same shall be unnecessary for public use and travel or burdensome or dangerous, the commissioner may, at any time, by written order, declare the portion of the road so abandoned to be vacated, and thereafter the same shall be closed to public use and travel, and shall no longer be a public road: Provided, That the said commissioner shall first submit a plan of the proposed change and any proposed order of vacation to the Governor, and that the same shall be approved by him.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 293.

AN ACT

Creating a board of managers to have exclusive jurisdiction over all houses of detention for the reception of untried juvenile offenders and neglected and dependent children who may be under judicial investigation, in counties of the third class, and abolishing the boards of managers now in charge of such houses.

Counties of third class.

Houses of detention.

Board of managers.

Personnel.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That hereafter, in counties of the third class of this Commonwealth, the exclusive jurisdiction over all houses of detention for the reception of untried juvenile offenders and neglected and dependent children, under the age of sixteen years, who may be in the custody of an officer appointed or elected under any law of this Commonwealth, and whose case may be under judicial investigation, shall be vested in a board of managers, which shall consist of the county commissioners, the sheriff, and the county controller of the county wherein such houses of detention are established; and the board of managers in charge of any such house or houses now in office are hereby abolished.