

No. 252

AN ACT

Providing that highways, or sections thereof, abandoned as State highway routes, shall revert for maintenance to the party or parties responsible for the maintenance of said highways prior to their coming under the jurisdiction of the Department of Highways.

Highways abandoned as State highway routes.

Responsibility for maintenance.

Repeal.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That where any section of a State highway route, as now or hereafter defined by law, shall be, or has been, relocated under the authority of existing laws, the portion of the public road or highway, thus abandoned as a State highway route, shall be maintained by, and at the expense of, the authorities responsible for the maintenance of said public road or highway prior to its having been established as a State highway.

Section 2. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 253

AN ACT

To amend clause nineteen, section one thousand two hundred and ten of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," as amended, by enlarging the powers of the State Council of Education for ascertaining the valuation per teacher in school districts of the fourth class.

Public Schools.

Clause 19, section 1210 of act of May 18, 1911, (P. L. 309), last amended by act of April 30, 1925, (P. L. 374), further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That clause nineteen, section one thousand two hundred and ten of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," as last amended by act, approved the thirtieth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and

twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and seventy-four), entitled "An act to further amend clause nineteen, section one thousand two hundred and ten, of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled 'An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing the penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith,' changing the valuation per teacher in school districts of the fourth class," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Nineteen. Of the salaries herein provided for teachers, supervisors, principals and all other members of the teaching and supervisory staff in the public schools of the Commonwealth, except part time and night school teachers, the Commonwealth shall pay, for the biennium year beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and each biennium year thereafter, to such school districts as comply with the laws governing the public schools of the Commonwealth, for each of said persons employed therein, as shown by the certificate herein required to be filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the November immediately preceding any such biennium year, as follows: In school districts of the first class, for each member of the teaching and supervisory staff, twenty-five per centum (25%) of the annual minimum salary prescribed herein for elementary teachers in such districts; in school districts of the second and third class, for each member of the teaching and supervisory staff, thirty-five per centum (35%) of the annual minimum salary prescribed herein for elementary teachers in such districts; in school districts of the fourth class, for each member of the teaching and supervisory staff, fifty per centum (50%) of the annual minimum salary prescribed herein for teachers in such districts: Provided, That the amount paid by the Commonwealth to a school district in any of the foregoing classes, which has a true valuation per teacher of assessable property of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less, shall be seventy-five per centum (75%) of the annual minimum salary prescribed herein for elementary teachers in such districts; and that the amount paid to a school district in any of the foregoing classes, which has a true valuation per teacher of assessable property of more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be sixty per centum (60%) of the annual minimum salary prescribed here-

Share of teachers' salaries to be paid by Commonwealth.

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in for elementary teachers in such districts: Provided, That where any member of the teaching or supervisory staff receives less salary than the minimum salary prescribed by the foregoing salary schedule for the class of district in which he is teaching, there shall be paid to the district a corresponding per centum of the salary paid to such person: And provided further, That wherever payment is made upon the salary of any member of the teaching or supervisory staff from Federal or other State funds, such amounts shall be, to the extent thereof, in lieu of the payment provided herein for such person: Provided further, That the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall annually apportion to each fourth class school district the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) for each school permanently closed or discontinued in such district since nineteen hundred eleven or which may hereafter be permanently closed or discontinued. The true valuation per teacher for each district shall be determined by the State Council of Education, on data and material submitted by the officers of such district in the annual report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, *if such data and material shall, after investigation by the State Council of Education, be found correct; otherwise, upon such data and material as modified, corrected, and approved by said Council of Education.* [It] *The true valuation per teacher shall be found by dividing the true valuation of the district by the number of full time teachers, which number shall include all teachers, principals, supervisors and superintendents employed in the vocational and nonvocational schools of the district for the year covered by such report; which number in districts of the fourth class shall also include one teacher for each teacher who at the time of the closing of any school in such district subsequent to June first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, not since reopened, was employed in such school. The true valuation of the taxable property of each school district shall be obtained by dividing the amount of the assessed valuation certified in the annual report of the district for the school year ending June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and every second year thereafter, as corrected and approved by the State Council of Education after investigation, by the average rate of assessment certified in such annual reports for the three years immediately preceding the date on which such true valuation is determined as corrected and approved by the State Council of Education after investigation.* [For the two fiscal years beginning on June first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and ending on May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, such true valuation of the district shall be determined during the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and

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Determination of value per teacher.

Determination of value of taxable property.

twenty-three, on the data and material available in the report filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction on August first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.] The true valuation of each school district for the two fiscal years beginning on June first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and for each biennium thereafter, shall be determined during the month of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the month of October of every second year hereafter. The State Council of Education is hereby given full power and authority to make such investigations, to take such action, and to institute such proceedings, as may be necessary to determine any of the questions that may be raised in the determination and adjustment of the aforesaid true valuations, and the decisions which such council reaches in such questions shall be final and conclusive.

When determination to be made.

Power to investigate.

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 254

AN ACT

Empowering the Department of Highways to acquire certain toll bridges within the Commonwealth; providing the procedure therefor; providing for the reimbursement of the Commonwealth from tolls and charges; and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the word "bridge," as used in this act, shall mean any bridge whereon toll is charged, and, being a part of the route of a State highway, or connecting two State highways, or a State highway and a street in any city, borough, or town, and shall include the actual bridge, the approaches thereto, and all real and personal property, including the franchise, belonging to the owner or owners of such bridge and used in the operation and maintenance of the same.

Department of Highways.

Acquisition of toll bridges.

"Bridge" defined.

Section 2. The Secretary of Highways is hereby authorized to acquire, on behalf of the Commonwealth, toll bridges, as defined in this act, within the State of Pennsylvania: Provided, That no bridge shall be acquired under the provisions of this act, until road bond funds authorized by a Constitutional amendment shall become available to the Department of Highways for the improving and rebuilding of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Authority to acquire.

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The acquisition of said toll bridges may be either by purchase or by condemnation proceedings, as the Secretary of Highways may deem expedient. The cost

Mode of acquisition.

Payment of cost.