

of Highways shall have authority to relocate such State highway routes, in accordance with the provisions of present or future laws governing the relocation of State highways, without limitation on account of such terminal point, except that both the old and the new terminal points shall be shown on the plan by which the relocation is made.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN

No. 204

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of Highways to establish, construct and maintain parallel or approximately parallel State highways in townships, boroughs, incorporated towns and cities, in certain cases; providing for the payment of property damages resulting therefrom; and authorizing the Secretary of Highways to control the direction of the flow of traffic thereover.

State highways.

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

When highway inadequate for present or anticipated traffic, construction of parallel highway authorized, under certain circumstances.

Section 1. When any State highway route or combination of State highway routes, or portions thereof, in the opinion of the Secretary of Highways, is inadequate for present or anticipated traffic, and the cost of securing the right-of-way necessary for a highway of adequate design on the existing location would be unwarranted in the judgment of the Secretary of Highways, or the topography adjacent to the existing location is such that widening is impractical, and the establishment and construction of a parallel highway, together with the retention of the existing highway, will provide ample width of highway for public use, the Secretary of Highways may establish, construct and maintain a parallel or approximately parallel highway as a State Highway in any township, borough, incorporated town or city, or combination of such political subdivisions, and retain the present highway as a part of the system of State Highways: Provided, however, That a plan for the establishment and construction of such parallel or approximately parallel highway shall be prepared by the Department of Highways, signed by the Secretary of Highways, and approved by the Governor, and filed as a public record in the Department of Highways.

Approval of Governor and Secretary of Highways.

Section 2. The Secretary of Highways may control the direction of the flow of traffic over parallel or approximately parallel highways established under the

provisions of this act by the erection of approved one-way traffic signs at the beginning and ending of each parallel or approximately parallel highway, and at the entrance of all roads, highways, alleys or streets connecting therewith.

Section 3. Damages occasioned by the taking of private property for the construction of parallel or approximately parallel State highways established under the provisions of this act, shall be ascertained and paid in the same manner as now or hereafter provided by law for the payment of damages due to changes of widths or of existing lines and locations of State highways in the political subdivision in which such parallel or approximately parallel highway is so established.

Damages.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately upon its final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN

No. 205

AN ACT

To further amend section one of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred ninety-two), entitled "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," by providing that sections of highways abandoned by relocation shall be maintained by, and at the expense of, the township, borough, incorporated town or city within which they are located, after being improved and repaired by the Department of Highways; and by adding a new section to provide that portions or sections of the old highway, which are not included within the changed, altered or established widths shall be considered vacated, if such portions or sections are not of the full width of the highway, as previously established.

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

Abandoned State highways.

Section 1. Section one* of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred ninety-two), entitled "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," as last amended by the act, approved the eleventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and

Section 1, act of April 27, 1927, P. L. 392, as last amended by act of June 11, 1935, P. L. 320, further amended.

* "1" in original.