

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

Section 1. Section 911 of the act, approved the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1242), entitled "An act relating to roads, streets, highways and bridges; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws administered by the Secretary of Highways and by the Department of Highways relating thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"State Highway Law."

Section 911, act of June 1, 1945, P. L. 1242, amended.

Section 911. Additional Width of State Highways by Counties, Townships and Boroughs.—Whenever a State highway is constructed and the State pays a portion of the cost, and the county, or township, or borough, pays a portion of the cost, *or the State pays the entire cost*, and it is deemed advisable to widen the State highway beyond the width as laid out and ordered by the secretary or other body having authority over the same, the county and township, or borough, jointly, or the township or borough, may increase the width of the State highway, *including the width of right of way*, with consent of the secretary or other body having charge of the construction of said State highway. *An increase in the width of right of way may be by the adoption of the official plan of the Department of Highways by the township or borough.* The cost of such additional width shall be borne jointly by the county and township, or borough, or wholly by the said township or borough, as the case may be. Authority is hereby given the several counties through their commissioners and the several townships and boroughs through their proper officers, to enter into agreement providing for the additional width of the State highway, in accordance herewith. Such additional width shall be constructed under the supervision of the department, and according to its plans and specifications.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 133

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three (Pamphlet Laws 103), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by authorizing township supervisors to widen or straighten State highways and to make a plan of the Department of Highways the official plan of a township.

"The Second
Class Township
Code."

Section 1101 and
subsections (a)
and (e) of sec-
tion 1102, act of
May 1, 1933,
P. L. 103, as last
amended by act
of May 24, 1951,
P. L. 370,
further amended.

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

Section 1. Section 1101 and subsections (a) and (e) of section 1102 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three (Pamphlet Laws 103), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 370), are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 1101. Power to Lay Out, Open, Widen, Vacate, Et Cetera.—The township supervisors may by ordinance enact, ordain, survey, lay out, open, widen, straighten, vacate and relay all roads and parts thereof which are wholly within the township, upon the petition of a majority in interest of the owners of property or properties through whose land such road passes, or upon whose land it abuts, or without petition of the owners of abutting property, if in the judgment of the supervisors, it is necessary for the public convenience. Such power shall include authority to vacate, in whole or in part, roads laid out by the Commonwealth, where the same have remained unopened for a period of thirty years, and also the authority to lay out and open a public road which will be a continuation or extension of a street already opened by an adjacent city, borough or township, and to provide in any ordinance for the vacation of a road, that all or part thereof shall be a private road.

The township supervisors may also, by ordinance, enact, ordain, survey, lay out, open, widen, straighten, vacate and relay roads, partly within the township, where similar concurrent action is taken by the authorities of all political subdivisions wherein the road is located.

The township supervisors may also, by ordinance, provide for the widening, straightening or improvement of a State highway, with the consent of the Secretary of Highways, by the adoption of a plan therefor, and may expend township funds in connection therewith. The supervisors may adopt a plan of the Department of Highways as the official plan of the township.

When any petition is presented to the township supervisors under the provisions of this section and the supervisors fail to act on the petition within sixty (60) days, the petitioners may present their petition to the court of quarter sessions which shall proceed thereon as provided by the general road law.

No such road shall be laid out and opened through any burial ground or cemetery, nor through any grounds occupied by a building used as a place for public wor-

ship, or as a public or parochial school, or educational or charitable institution, or seminary, unless the consent of the owner or corporation or person controlling the premises is first secured.

Section 1102. Hearing; Report; Exceptions There-to; View and Notice.—(a) Prior to the passage of any ordinance for the laying out, opening, changing or vacating of any road or highway or section thereof, the supervisors shall give ten days' written notice to the property owners affected thereby of the time and place when and where all parties interested may meet and be heard. Witnesses may be summoned and examined by the supervisors and by the parties interested at such meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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(e) After the passage or approval of any ordinance by the supervisors for the opening, widening, straightening, extending or vacating any road, notice shall, within ten days thereafter, be given by handbills, posted in conspicuous places along the line of the road or highway. Such notice shall state the fact of the passage or approval of the ordinance and the date of the passage or approval.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption.

Act effective
immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 134

AN ACT

To further amend section 704 of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 343), entitled "An act relating to the finances of the State government; providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth and imposing penalties; affecting every department, board, commission, and officer of the State government, every political subdivision of the State, and certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or collect