

CHAPTER 79

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

S. F. 119

AN ACT to amend, and codify chapter three (3) of title eleven (11) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to the state highway commission and other offices charged with duties relating to highways.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That chapter three (3) of title eleven (11) of the compiled Code of Iowa is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

Section 1. State highway commission—term—location. The state highway commission shall be composed of the dean of engineering of the state college of agriculture and mechanic arts, and of two (2) appointive members who shall belong to different political parties, and serve for four (4) years from July first of the year of appointment. The offices of said commission shall be located in the city of Ames, Iowa.

Sec. 2. Temporary provision. The present members serving by appointment shall continue to serve, respectively, until their terms expire on July first of the years nineteen hundred twenty-five (1925) and nineteen hundred twenty-seven (1927).

Sec. 3. Appointment. The governor shall, within sixty (60) days after the convening of the general assembly in nineteen hundred twenty-five (1925) and nineteen hundred twenty-seven (1927), and each four (4) years thereafter, appoint, with the approval of two-thirds of the members of the senate in executive session, a successor to the appointive member whose term will expire on July first following.

Sec. 4. Vacancies. Vacancies occurring while the general assembly is in session shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term as full term appointments are filled. Vacancies occurring while the general assembly is not in session shall be filled by the governor, but such appointments shall terminate at the end of thirty (30) days after the convening of the next general assembly. Vacancies shall be filled from the same political party from which the vacancy occurs.

Sec. 5. Compensation. Each appointive member shall receive ten dollars (\$10.00) per day for each day actually employed in the work of the commission, provided said compensation, for each commissioner, shall not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per annum. Each member shall receive all actual necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Sec. 6. Duties. Said commission shall:

1. Devise and adopt standard plans of highway construction and maintenance, and furnish the same to the counties.
2. Furnish information and instruction to, answer inquiries of, and advise with, highway officers on matters of highway construction and maintenance and the reasonable cost thereof.

3. Appoint all assistants necessary to carry on the work of the commission, define their duties, fix their compensation, and provide for necessary bonds and the amounts thereof. The term of employment of all such assistants may be terminated by the commission, at any time and for any cause.

4. Investigate highway conditions in any county, and report all violations of duty to the attorney general.

5. Make surveys, plans, and estimates of cost, for the elimination of danger at railroad crossings on highways, and to confer with local, and railroad officials, and with the Iowa railroad commission with reference to such elimination.

6. Assist the board of supervisors and the attorney general in the defense of suits wherein infringement of patents, relative to highway construction, is alleged.

7. Make surveys for the improvement of highways upon or adjacent to state property when requested by the board of control of said lands.

8. Record all important operations of said commission and, at the time provided by law, report the same to the governor.

9. Incur no expense to the state by sending out road lecturers.

10. Establish a system of uniform guide and warning signs to provide for convenience and safety of travel upon the primary road system; also to adopt rules and regulations for the location, erection and maintenance of the same, said signs to be erected by the board of supervisors under said rules and regulations.

Such signs shall be furnished by the highway commission, to the several counties making application therefor at actual cost and paid for, from the county's allotment of the primary road fund.

Upon the failure of the board of supervisors of any county to complete the marking by August 1, 1925, the commission shall proceed to erect such guide and warning signs. Where primary roads are now well marked, such uniform marking shall be deferred until the present markings need renewing.

Sec. 7. Counsel. The attorney general shall act as attorney for said commission on all matters pertaining to their duties, and take such action as may be deemed advisable by him in order to correct violations of the laws relative to highway matters.

Approved April 3, 1924.

CHAPTER 80

PATROLLING OF HIGHWAYS

H. F. 122

AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify chapter eight (8) of title eleven (11) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to the patrolling of public highways.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That chapter eight (8) of title eleven (11) of the compiled Code of Iowa is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

Section 1. Road patrolmen. The board of supervisors shall cause all highways under their jurisdiction to be patrolled, throughout each roadworking season, and at such other times as they may direct, and to this end shall appoint such number of patrolmen as may be necessary to perform such duty.

Sec. 2. Tenure and salary. Such patrolmen shall receive such compensation as the board may determine, shall be subject to the orders of the board, and shall hold their positions at the pleasure of the board.

Sec. 3. Bonds. Said patrolmen shall give bond for the faithful performance of their duties, and in such sums as the board may order. Said bonds shall be approved by the board.