

CHAPTER 246

STATE ROAD DISTRICTS AND POLL TAXES

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AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify chapter four (4) of title eleven (11) of the compiled code of Iowa and of the supplement to said code, and sections three thousand-a one (3000-a1) and four thousand thirty-six-a one (4036-a1) of the supplement to the compiled code of Iowa, relating to state road districts and the improvement and maintenance thereof, and to poll taxes in cities, towns, and townships.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That chapter four (4) of title eleven (11) of the compiled code of Iowa and of the supplement to said code is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

1 **SECTION 1. State road districts.** Highways on lands of the state
2 and highways on which such lands abut, shall constitute a separate
3 road district for each state institution, or state park, in connection
4 with which such lands are used, and shall be under the jurisdiction
5 of the board in control thereof.

[C. C. 2861, modified.]

1 **SEC. 2. Supervisor.** The chief engineer of the state highway com-
2 mission shall be ex officio general supervisor of said several road dis-
3 tricts, and be under the direction of the board in control thereof, and
4 shall have general charge of the maintenance and improvement of
5 said roads, and perform such other duties and make such reports in
6 reference thereto as may be required by said board. Said board may
7 appoint a local supervisor for each district.

[C. C. 2861, modified.]

1 **SEC. 3. Maintenance and improvement.** The roads within any such
2 district, except county bridges, shall be maintained, repaired and im-
3 proved under the direction of the board which is in control of said
4 lands, provided said board shall not pave or hard surface such roads
5 unless authorized so to do by the executive council. The costs shall
6 be paid only after certificate of detailed amount due shall have been
7 filed by the said board with the state board of audit, and duly audited
8 as provided by law. This section shall not be construed as preventing
9 the paving or hard surfacing of any such roads under any other pro-
10 ceeding authorized by law.

[C. C. 2861, modified.]

1 **SEC. 4. Improvement by city or county.** When a city, town, special
2 charter city, or county shall drain, oil, pave, or hard surface a road
3 which extends through or abuts upon lands owned by the state, the
4 state, through the executive council, shall pay such portion of the
5 cost of making said improvement through or along such lands as
6 would be legally assessable against said lands were said lands privately
7 owned, which amount shall be determined by said council, or board.

1 **SEC. 5. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from any
2 unappropriated funds now or hereafter in the state treasury an amount

3 sufficient to pay the obligations created by this chapter. Said costs
 4 shall be paid only on itemized vouchers which shall carry a certificate
 5 from the chief engineer of the state highway commission that said
 6 improvement has been completed according to contract.

[S. C. C. 2864-a2, modified.]

That section three thousand-a one (3000-a1), supplement to the compiled code is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

1 **SEC. 6. Persons subject to poll tax—amount—use.** All able-bodied
 2 male citizens, including the male officers and employees of any state
 3 institution, if any, but not including any committed inmate of such
 4 institution, between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five who are
 5 residents of the township outside the corporate limits of cities and
 6 towns shall between the first day of April and the first day of Sep-
 7 tember of each year pay to the road superintendent a sum not to
 8 exceed five dollars, said sum to be fixed by the township trustees at
 9 the April meeting. Provided that the township trustees of each town-
 10 ship may at the regular April meeting provide whether or not each
 11 person may at his option perform two days' labor in lieu of payment
 12 of money as provided in this chapter. All money received by the
 13 road superintendent under provisions of this chapter shall be im-
 14 mediately paid to the township clerk for the benefit of the general
 15 township road fund. The tax and money so collected shall be expended
 16 upon the township road system under the supervision of the road
 17 superintendent.

[S. C. C. 3000-a1, modified.]

That section four thousand thirty-six-a one (4036-a1) supplement to the compiled code of Iowa is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

1 **SEC. 7. Road poll tax—power to exact.** Any city or town shall
 2 have the power to provide that all able-bodied male residents of the
 3 corporation, including the male officers and employees of any state
 4 institution situated within such city or town, but not including any
 5 committed inmate of such institution, between the ages of twenty-one
 6 and forty-five shall between the first day of February and the first
 7 day of October of each year pay in money to the street commissioner
 8 or city or town clerk a sum to be fixed by the city or town council on
 9 or before February first of each year, not exceeding five dollars.

[S. C. C. 4036-a1, modified.]

1 **SEC. 8. Publication clause.** This act being deemed of immediate
 2 importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publi-
 3 cation in the Des Moines Capital and the Des Moines Register, news-
 4 papers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 4, A. D. 1923.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Capital April 7, 1923, and the Des Moines Register April 8, 1923.

W. C. RAMSAY, *Secretary of State.*