

CHAPTER 73.

[S. B. 125.]

HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT relating to highways and amending section 4, chapter 187, Laws of 1937 (section 6450-4, Remington's Revised Statutes, Volume 7A).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 4, chapter 187, Laws of 1937 (section 6450-4, Remington's Revised Statutes, Volume 7A) is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Section 4. In the exercise of any of the powers and duties by this act or other law of this state vested in or imposed upon the Boards of County Commissioners with respect to the establishing, laying out, examining, surveying, constructing, altering, repairing, improving and maintaining of the county roads of any county, the same shall be under the supervision and direction of an engineer who shall be a registered and licensed professional civil engineer under the laws of this state, duly qualified and experienced in highway and road engineering and construction. Engineer shall supervise.

The Board of County Commissioners shall by resolution, and not otherwise, order the survey, establishment, construction, alteration or improvement of county roads; and the county road engineer shall prepare all necessary maps, plans and specifications therefor, showing the right of way widths, the alignments, gradients and standards of construction. Order by resolution.

At the general county election in the year 1938 and thereafter no County Engineer shall be elected in any county of the state. The Board of County Commissioners of each county shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties that have been, now are, or shall be, by law vested in the County Engineer. Duties transferred.

Employ
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engineer.

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Duties.

Bond
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The Board of County Commissioners shall employ a full time county road engineer residing in said county who shall be a registered and licensed professional civil engineer under the laws of this state, duly qualified and experienced in highway and road engineering and construction, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners and who shall have the supervision, under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners, of the establishing, laying out, constructing, altering, improving, repairing and maintaining of all county roads of such county. Such county road engineer shall examine and certify to the Board of County Commissioners all estimates and all bills for labor, materials, provisions and supplies with respect to county roads and perform such other duties as may be required by lawful order of the Board of County Commissioners of such county. Every county road engineer, before entering upon his employment, shall give an official bond to the county, in such a reasonable amount as the Board of County Commissioners shall determine, conditioned that he will faithfully perform all the duties of his employment and will account for all property of the county entrusted to his care.

Within ninety (90) days after this amendatory act takes effect, each county road engineer shall prepare standards of construction for roads and bridges in his county: *Provided*, That in the case of roads the minimum width between shoulders shall be fourteen (14) feet with eight (8) feet of surfacing and in the case of bridges, which shall include all decked structures, the minimum standard shall be for H-10 loading in accordance with the State of Washington Highway Department standards. When such standards shall have been prepared by the County Engineer, they shall be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval, and

when approved shall be used for all road and bridge construction and improvement in the county: *Provided*, That such standards may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners but no standard shall be approved by the board with any minimum requirement less than that specified herein. Two copies of such approved standards shall be filed with the Director of Highways for his use in his examination of county road work. Each construction or improvement project shall be numbered and accurate records shall be kept of such work by the County Road Engineer: *Provided further*, The provisions of this act as to full time County Road Engineer and as to residence shall not be applicable in counties of the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth classes for the duration of the present war and for six (6) months after the termination thereof by the signing of a definite treaty of peace, or by proclamation of the President of the United States that hostilities have ceased.

May be amended.

Records.

War time exceptions.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1943.

Passed the House March 3, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 9, 1943.