

compensation for their services a salary of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum, payable in equal monthly instalments, and the chairman shall receive a compensation at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per annum, payable in equal monthly instalments. The commissioners, other than the governor, shall take the oath prescribed by article 1, section 6, of the constitution of the State. As soon as the members of said commission shall have met and qualified they shall organize by the election of a secretary, not a member of said commission, who shall be removable at the pleasure of said commission, and who shall receive such compensation as the commission shall determine, not exceeding the sum of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) per annum. He shall enter in the journal of said commission and shall carefully preserve neat, legible, full and accurate minutes of all meetings and records of all proceedings of said commission, and make true copies of all notices directed by said commission to be published and of the certificates of publication thereof, and shall perform such other duties as shall appertain to the office of secretary of a private corporation or as are imposed on him by this act, or as may be assigned to him by said commission. All records of said commission shall be public records, and the commission shall, annually, make to the governor a detailed report of its official transactions, and of all its expenditures and of all liabilities incurred by it. The said commission may employ such chief engineer, assistant engineer, professional or technical experts, surveyors, agents, assistants, clerks, employes and laborers, skilled and unskilled, and also such advisers and consultants as it may deem requisite for the performance and execution of the powers and duties imposed and conferred by this act, and shall fix their respective compensations, and shall have the power to remove or discharge them at its pleasure; and to exact from them or any of them such indemnity bonds for the faithful performance of their respective duties as the commission may deem proper. And said commission may also rent or lease all proper and necessary offices and other places which it may deem proper and necessary for the performance of its duties and the purposes of this act. The said commission shall keep a journal in which shall be entered all its proceedings in detail, the correctness of the same to be attested at each succeeding meeting by the president and secretary of the commission. Said commission shall also keep books showing in detail all expenditures of money in every county of the State in connection with the establishment, improvement or maintenance of roads, and in connection with all work whatsoever of the commission, which books and records shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of the State at any time. No member of said commission shall become pecuniarily interested in any contract for work done or materials provided in connection with any of the work of said commission. The commission shall at the time of its organization, as aforesaid, and thereafter from time to time, adopt such by-laws and rules of procedure for the conduct