

same by the violation of the regulation so prescribed. In any trial of any person charged with a violation of any of the provisions of this section oral proof of the existence of such signboard posted as herein provided and its contents shall be accepted as *prima facie* evidence of the validity of the regulation thereon prescribed.

Road Signs.

1931, ch. 539, sec. 66.

84. Any person defacing, injuring or destroying any sign or finger board erected or maintained under the preceding section shall be subject, upon conviction, before any justice of the peace or by the Circuit Court for any of the counties, to a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each offense, or confinement in the county jail for not less than ten days nor more than thirty days, or both fine and imprisonment.

See sec. 45.

1931, ch. 539, sec. 67. 1939, ch. 230.

85. Any person, firm, corporation or association which in any manner paints, puts or fixes any advertisement, sign, notice or other writing or printing other than notices posted in pursuance of law on or to any stone, tree, fence, stump, pole, building or other structure which is in or upon the public highway or which is on the property of another, without first obtaining the written consent of such owner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punishable by fine of not more than \$10.00, which fine shall be payable to the State Board of Forestry for the purposes described in this section; provided, however, that it shall be illegal for any person, firm, corporation or association other than the State Roads Commission or incorporated cities or towns of this State, to display within three hundred (300) feet of a road, street or highway in this State a sign bearing the word or words: stop, curve, warning, slow, danger, listen, look, school or slow, or any other such word or words used or to be used in directing drivers, and any person, firm, corporation or other association violating this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall pay a fine of fifty dollars (\$50) for the first offense and a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) or thirty days (30) in jail for the second and subsequent offenses. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit any person, firm, corporation or association, with the approval of the owner and the State Roads Commission from erecting a sign or signs to indicate the direction and distance to a specific place or places designated on said sign or signs.

Art. 39A, sec. 24, is almost identical with this section.

1931, ch. 539, sec. 68.

86. All State Roads constructed or maintained under the provisions of this Article shall have a right of way at least forty feet in width.

1931, ch. 539, sec. 4.

87. If any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Article shall, for any reason, be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional and invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or section thereof so found unconstitutional and invalid.¹

¹ Sec. 5 of ch. 539 of acts of 1931 repealed all laws prior thereto inconsistent therewith.