

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 law, and shall fix their respective compensations, but such employment, except as the secretary of said Commission, shall be subject to all the laws with respect to the Board of Examiners for the State Roads Commission, and the rules adopted by that Board. Said Commissioners shall have power to exact from any person employed by it such indemnity bond for the faithful performance of duty as the Commission may deem proper, and said commissioners may remove any of said persons from their positions, but only in the manner hereinafter provided. 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 law. 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 of its business as it may deem necessary. It shall annually compile and publish maps and statistics relating to the public roads of the State and showing the progress and status of the work done or entered upon by it and separately for the several counties. All maps, plans and statistics made, collected and compiled under its discretion shall be preserved in its office and shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of the State. All bills or claims on account of any of the work of the said Commission or in any way relating to its duties or transactions shall be passed upon by the Commission at a meeting of its members, and no claim involving the expenditure of more than fifty dollars, and no contract involving a larger expenditure than fifty dollars, shall be allowed or made except