

any further assistance provided for in this subtitle for State-aided roads until such repairs have been made; and any five taxpayers of such county may apply to the Circuit Court of said county for a writ of mandamus to compel such board to make such repairs as aforesaid; and when such application is made, the Court, upon a rule to show cause or otherwise, in such manner as the Court shall prescribe, shall ascertain and determine whether such road as aforesaid is in a proper state of repair, and it may issue a mandamus requiring the said board to make the necessary repairs, and may also, in its discretion, allow to the attorney of the applicants a reasonable counsel fee, to be paid by said county, and the Circuit Court of any county where the powers conferred upon the State Roads Commission or its predecessor have been, or are about to be exercised, shall have original jurisdiction of any cause of action or complaint which may be brought by the State Roads Commission, the County Commissioners for such county, or any person or corporation aggrieved, for a violation or contemplated violation of any of the provisions of this subtitle or contract thereunder with respect to any road or roads within such county; and process against said State Roads Commission may be served upon any member or officer of said Commission.

SEC. 46. In any county in which the control of the public roads is now or may hereafter be vested in any body other than the Board of County Commissioners, said body shall have all the powers and privileges conferred by this subtitle on the Board of County Commissioners and be subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by the terms of this subtitle upon the Board of County Commissioners of the respective counties of the State.

SEC. 47. Nothing in this subtitle shall be taken to alter, abridge, or in any way affect the present method of road construction or repair by the respective counties, at their own expense or otherwise, as now authorized by law.

SEC. 48. The sum of two hundred thousand dollars annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subtitle, heretofore under the authority of the State Geological and Economic Survey, as said Commission is referred to and described in Section 19 of this Article, and in so far as proper and lawful contracts may have been duly entered into and made by the said State Geological and Economic Survey under the powers heretofore conferred upon it; and that from and after the passage of this Act transferring the powers and duties set forth in this subtitle to the State Roads Commission,