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Treesand Shrubbery

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Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. That, in all counties of this State having a population of not less than 36,000, nor more than 37,000, according to the Federal Census of 1920, or any subsequent Federal Census, the County Court be, and is hereby, given the authority to plant trees and shrubbery along the State highways already constructed, and along others now being constructed, or those which may be hereafter constructed, and as hereinafter provided, in order to beautify and adorn said State highways and make them attractive to tourists.

SECTION 2. That in selecting trees to be planted, special attention should be paid to the selection of trees of rapid growth, as well as good shade and beautiful trees. Said trees to be planted on either side of said State highways, not more than seventy-five (75) feet apart, with beautiful shrubbery alternating between said trees to be so planted as not to interfere with telephone or electrical wires, ditches, etc., along said State highways, so as not to injure lands abutting there on, and so as not to interfere with the rights of abutting land owners building on or living along said State highways.

SECTION 3. That the planting of trees and shrubbery along said State highways shall at all times be under the supervision and control of the State Highway Commission, but subject to the general supervision and control of the State Highway Commission, the County Court shall have and exercise full and complete authority and control as to the selection of trees and shrubbery to be planted hereunder, as to the way and manner in which they are planted, and as to the way and manner in which they are looked after and cared for.

SECTION 4. That the purchase, planting and caring for trees and shrubbery along the State highways in all counties of this State, coming under the provisions of this Act, shall be paid for by the County Court out of any moneys in its hands, or that may come into its hands, available for State highway purposes.

SECTION 5. That this Act shall only apply to the county or counties of this State, having a population of not less than 36,000 nor more than 37,000, according to the Federal Census of 1920, or any subsequent Federal Census, and shall only apply to State highways; that is, highways built in whole or in part by State or Federal aid, or both.

SECTION 6. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.
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