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Amendments to Road Laws

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1. Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 203, reestablished the position of Road Supervisor in Sequatchie County (identified by 1950 population figures) who would be elected by the voters to two year terms, beginning in the August election, 1952. Until that time W. C. Allen would serve as Road Supervisor. The Supervisor would be sworn, bonded for \$5,000, and could not be a member of the Quarterly Court. Vacancies would be filled by the County Judge until the court could meet and then by the court until the next general election. The Supervisor was to devote full time to the office for which he would be paid \$250 per month, be furnished a pick-up truck and its operational expenses for his use. The Supervisor would have supervision over the road department and its employees, would secure supplies through the methods prescribed in the act, keep records of all the transactions in the department, and lay out and classify roads into four standard classes. W. B. Standefur was named bookkeeper until the July term of the quarterly court in 1952 when his successor would be appointed. His salary would be \$125 per month. The act named H. E. Reynolds as purchasing commissioner to serve until the April term of 1951 for the quarterly court when his successor would be appointed for 1 year. They were to be paid \$5.00 for each meeting but not over \$60 in one year. The Purchasing Commission would supervise all bid openings and the award of contracts pursuant thereto.
2. Private Acts of 1967, Chapter 296, amended Chapter 203, Private Acts of 1951, by raising the monthly salary of the Road Supervisor from \$250 to \$400, and the salary of the bookkeeper was increased in Section 4 from \$125 to \$250 per month.
3. Private Acts of 1968, Chapter 493, amended Section 1, Chapter 203, Private Acts of 1951, by substituting a provision in the first paragraph to state that at the next general election in August, 1968, a Road Supervisor would be elected and qualified, who would hold office for a term of four years, commencing September 1, 1968. No member of the County Court would be eligible for the post of Road Supervisor. This Act was properly ratified by the Quarterly Court of Sequatchie County.
4. Private Acts of 1972, Chapter 239, also amended Chapter 203, Private Acts of 1951, in Section 1, to set the salary of the Road Supervisor at \$700 per month instead of \$400 per month.
5. Private Acts of 1974, Chapter 333, was an amendment to Chapter 203, Private Acts of 1951, by elevating the salary of the bookkeeper of the Highway Department from \$250 per month to \$4,000 annually.

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