

**ROAD AND BRIDGE VIEWERS**  
**Act of Feb. 24, 1845, P.L. 52, No. 40**  
AN ACT

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Relative to public roads in certain counties therein named.

Section 1. Number of viewers

Hereafter the number of road and bridge viewers appointed by the courts of quarter sessions of the Counties of Butler, Allegheny, Luzerne, Lycoming and Clinton shall be three, one of whom shall be a surveyor, if deemed necessary; and every view and review shall be made by the whole number of persons so appointed, a majority of whom shall concur in their report, in order to its confirmation by the court. 1845, Feb. 24, P.L. 52, Sec. 1.

Section 2. Notice of meetings of viewers

In all cases of the appointment of viewers in said counties, to view and locate a public or private road, or to review a public road, the said viewers or any one of them shall, before proceeding to make their view or review, give public notice by at least three advertisements, put up in the vicinity of the contemplated route of such road, of the time and place where the said viewers will meet for the purpose of making such view or review, at least five days before such meeting. 1845, Feb. 24, P.L. 52, Sec. 2.

Section 3. Viewers to obtain releases, or assess damages

If the viewers shall decide in favor of locating a public road, or to make any change in the location of the public road which they were appointed to review, it shall be the duty of the viewers to endeavor to procure, from the persons through whose lands such location may be made, releases for all claims of damages that might arise from opening the same; and in every case where said viewers shall fail to procure such releases, and it shall appear to them that any damages will be sustained, it shall be their duty to assess the damages and make report thereof, signed by a majority of their number, and return the same, together with all releases obtained, to the proper Court of Quarter Sessions. 1845, Feb. 24, P.L. 52, Sec. 3.

Section 4. Confirmation of report

It shall be the duty of said court to examine carefully the amount of damages assessed as aforesaid; and if said court shall be satisfied that the amount of damages assessed in any case is such that the public interest will be subserved by its payment, and the opening of the road, said court shall confirm such view or review, and the assessment of damages, which shall be paid as now directed by law; but if said court shall not be satisfied, the said report shall not be confirmed unless the same shall be paid first by the petitioners. 1845, Feb. 24, P.L. 52, Sec. 4.