

**RAILROAD, CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES OVER OR UNDER EXPENSE OF COUNTY**

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**AN ACT**

To provide for the construction of bridges over or under existing railroads, at the expense of the county, where a public highway or a road, about to be opened, intersects or will intersect an existing railroad or railroads, and the township within which the bridges may be necessary is reasonably unable to bear the expense of the same.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That when one or more existing railroads, over or under which it may be advisable, for the protection of travelers, to erect a bridge, crosses a public road or highway which may hereafter be opened, and the erection of such bridge requires more expense than is reasonable that one or two adjoining townships should bear, or more than is reasonable that the township wherein the bridge is to be located should bear, the court of quarter sessions of the county wherein such bridge is to be erected shall, on the representations of the supervisors or on the petition of any of the inhabitants of the township, order a view, in the manner provided for in the case of roads; and if, on the report of the viewers, it shall appear to the court, grand jury and commissioners of the county that such bridge is necessary, and would be too expensive for such township or townships, it shall be entered on record as a county bridge: Providing, That this act shall not apply to existing roads and highways.

Section 2. After the entry of any such bridge as a county bridge, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of said county to provide for its erection, in the manner now provided by law for the erection of county bridges: Provided further, That the viewers shall have authority to apportion the cost of such bridge between the county and railroad company, in such proportion as the said viewers deem just and reasonable.