AN ACT

Supplementary to an act, entitled "An act relating to roads, highways, and bridges," approved June thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and the several supplements thereto.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever any public road--or turnpike, which, under existing laws, becomes a public road--is between two or more townships or on any division line between the same, in any county of this Commonwealth, has become useless, inconvenient, or burdensome, the court of quarter sessions of the county in which the said road is located shall have the authority, upon application to it by petition, signed by at least fifteen property owners of each of said townships, who are qualified electors therein, setting forth the facts, to inquire of and to change or vacate the whole or any part of said road, whenever the same shall have become useless, inconvenient, or burdensome; and the same court shall proceed therein, by views and viewers, in the manner provided for the laying out of roads and highways under existing laws.

Section 2. The said court shall also have authority not only on said petition, to change or vacate the whole or any part of the said road which has become useless, inconvenient, or burdensome, but shall have authority also, whenever requested in and by said petition, to lay a new road, in the manner provided under existing laws, located in whole or in part in any one or more of the townships mentioned in the first section of this act; said new road to take the place of the said road which has become useless, inconvenient, or burdensome.

Section 3. Whenever a new road is laid out, under the provisions of this act, the costs and expenses of laying out, opening, and fitting the same for travel, as well as the damages sustained by the owner or owners of land taken for the same, or through whose land the same may pass, shall be borne or paid by the several townships mentioned in the first section of this act, in such just and equitable proportions as the said court of quarter sessions, upon report of three disinterested persons appointed by the said court to view and assess the same, shall fix and determine.

Section 4. The costs of all proceedings, under the provisions of this act, shall be paid by the township or townships mentioned in the first section of this act, as the court shall determine and direct.

Section 5. The board of viewers to be appointed under this act shall consist of three disinterested persons.