APPENDIX B
CHAPTER 331—1959 ACTS OF INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AN ACT concerning research and improvement for the county highway system and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. In order that the county highway system may be constructed and maintained economically for the most efficient accommodation of traffic, it is necessary that constant research be carried on in the various aspects of planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the county highway system and in its organization, management, and financing. It is, therefore, the policy of this act to facilitate the finding and dissemination of new knowledge concerning the county highway system, its application, and to seek ways of improving the financing and administration of the county highway system.

SECTION 2. As used in this act: “County highway system” includes all roads, bridges, culverts, and the necessary supports thereto of earth, masonry, or other material, and further includes drainage facilities, as well as roadside developments within the rights-of-way. “Advisory board” is a board created by this act whose function is to advise Purdue University in regard to its program of research and extension for the county highway system.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated from the Motor Vehicle Highway Account ½ of 1 per cent of the funds made available each year to the counties from this account. The initial appropriation shall be made for the fiscal year 1959-1960.

These appropriated funds shall be made available for the use of Purdue University in carrying on programs of research and extension for the county highway system at or in connection with Purdue University. Such appropriated funds shall be paid to Purdue University at the same time as the quarterly distribution from the Motor Vehicle Highway Account is made to the counties. Expenditures from these
funds hereby appropriated shall be made under the direction of the Director of the Engineering Experiment Station at Purdue University or a person designated by him; however these funds shall be expended only for research projects and extension which are approved by the advisory board.

SECTION 4. The research and extension program for the county highway system shall be for the purpose of developing and disseminating helpful information concerning county highway system planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, financing, and administration.

In developing the research and extension program for the county highway system the director of the Engineering Experiment Station of Purdue University, or the person designated by him, shall obtain advice from the advisory board.

SECTION 5. The advisory board shall consist of not more than six (6) members who shall be elected county commissioners in the State of Indiana and who shall be selected by the state association of county commissioners with the approval of the Governor and shall be equally divided between the two major political parties, and not more than six (6) members who shall be appointed by the Director of the Engineering Experiment Station of Purdue University from the membership of the faculty of Purdue University.

Each member of the advisory board shall be appointed for a term of two years and may be reappointed. Appointments are to be effective July 1 with the first appointment effective July 1, 1959. In the event of a vacancy on the advisory board, appointments may be made for the unexpired term.

The Director of the Engineering Experiment Station of Purdue University shall convene the first meeting of the advisory board at Purdue University during the month of July, 1959. Said advisory board shall meet at least four times each fiscal year.

The members of the advisory board shall be entitled to travel allowance and a per diem allowance in lieu of expenses for attendance at its meetings.

SECTION 6. Money unexpended at the end of any fiscal year may be encumbered for the prosecution of projects which have not been completed. Other unused funds shall be returned to the counties' share of the Motor Vehicle Highway Account.
SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of each member of a board of county commissioners to attend and be present at the Purdue Road School; and the county council of each county may appropriate sufficient funds to pay each county commissioner of his county a per diem for expenses of up to fifteen dollars ($15.00) for each day or part of a day the commissioner is in attendance at the Purdue Road School, and to pay such commissioner a travel allowance of eight cents ($.08) for each mile necessarily traveled to attend such school.

SECTION 8. This act shall be liberally construed to accomplish the purposes of the act.

SECTION 9. If any part of this act is declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction that decision shall not affect any portion of this act which remains, but the remaining portions shall be in full force and effect as if the portion declared unconstitutional had never been a part of the act.

SECTION 10. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this act, the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.