

**FEDERAL AID ROADS**  
**Act 99 of 1917**

AN ACT to provide for the construction, maintenance and improvement of federal aided roads; to authorize townships, good roads districts and counties to raise money by taxation and by loan for the purpose of contributing thereto; to validate and legalize proceedings heretofore taken to raise money for the purpose contemplated by this act; and to provide an appropriation for paying the state's portion of the expense incurred hereunder.

**History:** 1917, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Apr. 25, 1917.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**249.1 Assent to federal aid for construction of rural post road; availability of funds; authority to survey, contract, receive and disburse money.**

Sec. 1. The legislature of the state of Michigan hereby assents to the provisions of the act of congress, approved July 11, 1916, 39 Stat. 355, entitled "An act to provide that the United States shall aid the states in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes," and the good faith of the state is hereby pledged under the provisions of this act to make available from time to time sufficient funds to pay the state's portion of the cost of constructing and maintaining federal aided roads. The state transportation department through the director of the state transportation department may make surveys, prepare plans and specifications, and take charge of the building and maintaining of federal aided roads in accordance with the provisions of the act of congress and the rules and regulations of the secretary of agriculture made under that act and amendments to that act as may from time to time be made. The director of the state transportation department may enter into all contracts and agreements with the United States government relating to the construction and maintenance of rural post roads under the provisions of the act of congress, to submit the scheme or program of construction and maintenance as may be required by the secretary of agriculture, and do all other things necessary fully to carry out the cooperation contemplated and provided for by that act. The state treasurer may receive any and all money due the state of Michigan under the provisions of this act, and shall pay out the same under the orders of the director of the state transportation department.

**History:** 1917, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Apr. 25, 1917;—CL 1929, 4398;—CL 1948, 249.1;—Am. 2002, Act 139, Imd. Eff. Apr. 1, 2002.

**249.2 Authority to raise funds; bonds; estimates, plans; separate account.**

Sec. 2. Townships, good roads districts and counties are hereby authorized to raise funds, either by general taxation or bond issues, for the building of federal aided roads and to deposit their portion of the cost of such roads with the state treasurer to be credited to the specific federal aid road project for which the money has been appropriated, which funds shall be paid out by the state highway commissioner together with funds appropriated by the state as the work of construction proceeds. Taxes for such purpose may be authorized, spread and collected, and bonds may be issued and sold, in the same manner, and subject to the same limitations and restrictions, as is or may be provided, in Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended: Provided, however, That in no case shall the furnishing of estimates, plans or specifications by the board of county road commissioners for the construction, maintenance or improvement of a highway hereunder be regarded as necessary: Provided further, That the state highway commissioner shall upon written request by a board of supervisors or by a township board, or at his own option, furnish estimates, plans and specifications for any such improvement. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to open and maintain a separate account with each road project for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

**History:** 1917, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Apr. 25, 1917;—CL 1929, 4399;—CL 1948, 249.2.

**Compiler's note:** For provisions of Act 283 of 1909, referred to in this section, see MCL 220.1 et seq.

**249.3-249.6 Repealed. 1958, Act 77, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed sections provided for cost sharing, validation, tax levy and contracts with state commissioner.