

CHAPTER 33.

An Act creating the "Washington's Crossing Commission," and defining its powers and duties.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

Board of commissioners.

1. The Governor of this State is hereby authorized to appoint fifty persons, residents of this State, who shall constitute, and are hereby appointed and constituted, a board of commissioners by the name and style of "Washington's Crossing Commission." The terms of such commissioners shall be at the pleasure of the Governor, and he is likewise authorized to fill any vacancies occurring in the said commission. No member of such commission shall receive any compensation for his services as commissioner. Any fifteen of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum at any stated or specially called meeting.

Term.

No pay.

Quorum.

Body politic.

Organization.

Rules, etc., governing appointees.

Select lands for State park.

2. Such board of commissioners, and their successors, are hereby created a body politic, with power to sue and be sued, to adopt and use a common seal and to adopt by-laws to regulate its proceedings. Such commission shall annually choose from among its members a president, a vice-president, a treasurer and secretary, and appoint such other officers and employes as it may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. It may also determine the duties and compensation of such appointees, subject to appropriation for that purpose by the Legislature, and shall make all reasonable rules and regulations respecting the appointment, compensation and removal of such employes not inconsistent with the laws of this State.

3. Such commission shall have power to select and locate such lands at McConkey's Ferry, commonly known as Washington's Crossing, in the county of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as may in their opinion

be proper and necessary to be reserved for the purpose of establishing a State park.

4. The said commission shall have power to acquire, maintain and make available for use as a public park the lands located as aforesaid, and for this purpose shall have power to take in fee or otherwise, by purchase, gift, devise or eminent domain, the said lands, or any of them, and any rights, interests and easements therein. Deeds of conveyance for such lands shall be made to the said commission by its corporate name, and it shall be the duty of the said commission to preserve, care for, lay out and improve the said park and to make rules for the use and government of the same. The said commission shall also have power to lay out, construct and maintain roads and pathways upon, across and over the said park, and for this purpose to acquire rights of way upon and across any intervening lands.

5. The said commission shall have power and authority to acquire lands for the purposes mentioned in this act, and in case they shall be unable to agree with the owner or owners of any of such lands, or when by reason of the legal incapacity or absence of such owner or owners or for any other cause no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof, such lands shall be acquired and the compensation shall be ascertained and paid in the manner provided by the general laws of this State regulating the ascertainment and payment of compensation for property condemned or taken for public uses, and subject to the procedure and practice prescribed by said laws; *provided, however*, that in fixing the compensation to be paid for such lands, no allowance or deduction shall be made on account of any real or supposed benefit which the parties interested may derive from said park or improvement for which such lands are to be taken, and the commission or any party may appeal from said award and such appeal shall be heard and determined in the manner provided by said laws.

6. The said commission is hereby authorized to expend such sums of money as may be included in any appropriation bill for the necessary expenses of the said

commissioners in carrying out the provisions of this act, but not for the acquisition of any lands unless specifically authorized so to do by appropriation for such specific purpose by the Legislature.

7. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved March 21, 1910.

CHAPTER 34.

An Act authorizing overseers of the poor in cities of the second class in this State to employ an assistant.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

Assistant
overseer of
the poor.

1. In cities of the second class the overseer of the poor may employ an assistant, who shall be authorized to perform the duties of the overseer of the poor during his temporary absence or incapacity, and who shall be paid for his services by said overseer of the poor.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved March 22, 1910.

CHAPTER 35.

A Supplement to an act entitled "An act to create the office of Commissioner of Charities and Corrections and to define his powers and duties," approved March twenty-fifth, one thousand nine hundred and five.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

Assistant
commissioner
of charities:
salary.

1. The Governor shall appoint some fit and suitable person, at an annual salary not to exceed twelve hun-