

**SUMMARY OF LAWS  
RECENTLY PASSED**

BY STATE LEGISLATURE

**New Measures Which Have Been Signed by Governor; Others Becoming Law Without His Signature**

Following is a brief summary of some of the bills passed by the last Illinois legislature:

S. B. 2. (Dailey). Amends section 1 of Article V of the Cities and Villages Act of 1872 authorizing cities and villages to acquire or lease real estate, within or without the corporate limits of said city or village, for the purpose of establishing landing fields for air-craft.

S. B. 4. (Jewell). Amends section 38 and adds section 38a to an Act in relation to the construction, repair and protection of drains, ditches and levees across the lands of others for agricultural, sanitary and mining purposes, by providing for the extension of time payment of assessments and the issuance of refunding bonds.

S. B. 23. (Deck). Amends section 5 and adds section 16 to an Act concerning drainage districts. Permits appeals to be made or writs of error to be given in cases where the commissioners of drainage districts failed to enter into a contract (appeals or writs of error already allowable in cases where contracts are made) regarding the benefits accruing to any drainage district enlarging or improving its ditches, drains, levees, or other works.

S. B. 33. (Barr). Provides for building a hard road connecting the Soldiers' Widows Home at Wilmington with Route No. 4 of the hard road system and makes an appropriation of \$25,000 therefor.

S. P. 37. (Carlson). Provides for the purchase of the Black Hawk Watch Tower site to be used as a start park and appropriates \$200,000 for such purpose.

S. B. 38. (Deck). Amends section 15 of the Park District Act of 1895. Provides that where property acquired by gift or devise, has cottages or cottage sites that may be leased or rented, the park commissioners may rent them for not longer than five-year periods. Provides that rentals shall be collected by park district treasurer and paid into the treasury of such park districts.

S. B. 39. (Deck). Directs the legislative reference bureau to modify the general statutes of the state and appropriate \$25,000 for such purpose.

S. B. 47. (Meents). Amends section 13 of "An Act to revise the law concerning the time of holding the terms of circuit court and of the calling of juries in the several judicial circuits exclusive of Cook county." Approved June 23, 1915, as amended, by making minor changes in the times for holding court in the twelfth circuit, which includes the counties of Will, Iroquois and Kankakee.

S. B. 48. (Roberts). Amends section 1 of Article VII and section 6 of Article II of the Election laws, approved 1885, by increasing salaries of election commissioners and the chief clerks in cities of more than 200,000 population, to \$6,000 and \$7,500, respectively, and giving election board the power to employ an attorney when necessary.

S. B. 74. (McDermott). Extends the powers of cities and villages in relation to local improvements. Empowers cities and village to fill in and improve sections of water courses located within the corporate limits and which have been declared non-navigable by congress. Such undertaking shall be deemed a local improvement, and the city is given power of eminent domain therein. Rights and authority in Act are subject to Act concerning rivers and lakes commission for the state, approved June 10, 1911.

S. B. 86. (Swift). Amends section 6 of the 1897 Local Improvement Act. The provision in regard to the payment of salaries of not over \$100 per month to members of the board of local improvements, which now supplies only to municipalities of less than 75,000 population, which were organized under special charters and the limits of which are co-extensive with township, is extended so as to apply to all municipalities having a population of not less than 18,000 nor more than 75,000.

S. B. 90. (Barr). Amends section 3 of the Parole Act by providing that every female person over the age of eighteen years, adjudged guilty of any offense, whose sentence or commitment is for six months or longer, shall be committed to the State Reformatory for Women. Section applies to male or female persons over ten years of age.

S. B. 91. (Barr). Amends section 6 of the Civil Administration Code, by providing for a Board of Advisors for a State Reformatory for Women composed of three women and two men, to advise with the Department of Public Welfare for the selection of a site for a State Reformatory for Women and to make recommendations to the department as to buildings and improvements, and furnishings and equipment for this institution, to make recommendations as to appointment of superintendent and other officers, and to visit the State Reformatory for Women at least twice a year to make investigation as to con-

ditions there and to report to Department of Public Welfare.

S. B. 102. (Thompson). Provides for the construction of a hard road connecting Route No. 1 of the State-wide system of hard-surfaced roads with the Ft. Massac State Park, and makes therefor an appropriation of \$30,000, from the road fund.

H. B. 2. (McClugage). Amends certain sections and articles of the Cities and Villages Act, and adds section 2 thereto, to provide that the mayor, clerk, treasurer and aldermen in any city of not less than 75,000 nor more than 200,000 population shall hold office for the term of four years if such city votes in favor of this change.

H. B. 4. (Arnold). Amends section 1 of the Act authorizing cities and villages to build or acquire ferries and bridges within the corporate limits or within five miles of the corporate limits of such city or village. Provides that it is lawful for any city or village to build or acquire ferries and bridges and approaches thereto, within five miles of the corporate limits, over any river forming a boundary of the state of Illinois. A reasonable toll may be collected to pay off indebtedness for this purpose and the expense of maintenance.

H. B. 32. (Searle). Amends sections 2 and 3 of the 1912 Charities Act. Provides for changing the name and location of the Illinois Western Hospital for Insane from "Watertown State Hospital," at Watertown, to "East Moline State Hospital," at East Moline.

Senate Bill 140. (Barr). An Act to prohibit the wrongful interference with telegraph and telephone lines and messages. Provides punishment, fine and imprisonment.

Senate Bill 149. (Dunlap). Appropriates \$50,000 to the University of Illinois, annually from proceeds of sales of public lands as provided by Act of Congress, approved July 2,

1862. Whenever any portion of said sum shall be received by the State Treasurer from the United States it shall be immediately paid over to the treasurer of the university.

Senate Bill 150. (Dunlap). Appropriates \$9,000,000 for maintenance of the University of Illinois for the biennium ending June 30, 1929; \$1,500,000 for buildings and equipment and \$32,500 for the payment of interest on endowment fund.

Senate Bill 176. (Smith). Amends and repeals certain sections of an Act relating to roads and bridges, approved June 27, 1913. Provides for payments for right of way in aiding the state in the construction of hard road routes and for elections on such propositions. Highway commissioners are empowered to take land for such purposes by eminent domain, when a price for the land cannot be agreed upon with the owners thereof.

Senate Bill 188. (Meents). Appropriates \$204,300 to provide for ordinary and contingent expenses of the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for biennium ending June 30, 1929.

Senate Bill 200. (Barr). Regulates the installation, alteration and use of electrical equipment. Provides for municipal inspection departments and electrical commissions. Penalties.

Senate Bill 201. (Barr). Amends section 1 of Article V of an Act to provide for the incorporation of cities and villages, approved April 10, 1872. Provides for the registration of electrical contractors and sets a fee therefor of \$25.00 annually.

Senate Bill 224. (Denver). Amends four sections of Act for relief of the blind, approved May 11, 1903, and adds sections 8 1/2 and 10 thereto. Provides for reimbursement by state to counties contributing funds for blind relief. Provides for relief benefits of \$365,000 per year. Reports shall be made to state auditor. Tax of one-fifth of a mill on the dollar on all property of state shall be levied for such purpose.

Senate Bill 235. (Haenisch). Validates the \$1,000,000 bond issue by the Commissioners of Lincoln Park for the purpose of enlarging and improving Lincoln Park and for completion of work already begun.

Senate bill 243. (Barr). Amends section 4 and the title of Illinois Industrial University Act of 1867. Provides that the president of the university shall hold office at the pleasure of the board of trustees. Title to read, "An Act to provide for the organization and maintenance of the University of Illinois."

Senate Bill 253. (Cuthbertson). Amends certain sections of the School Law. Repeals provision authorizing county superintendents to withhold school funds until the boards of education or trustees comply with certain requirements. Provides that if the income of the permanent township fund shall be insufficient to meet expenses, the additional amount needed may be taken from other funds subject to distribution. When a balance remains in the township fund after all expenses are paid it shall be distributed among school districts teaching grades from 1 to 8. Changes the amount of money to be set aside for teachers' pensions and for funds to be paid into the State Treasury from 2-15 to 1-5 of a mill on each dollar assessed, the provisions relating to the basis for apportionment of school funds, and the form to be used in making application for funds. Requires teachers to keep records and furnish the boards of education or directors with such data as they may require.

House Bill 14. (Curran). Provides for the acquisition and establishment by the state of Illinois, through the Department of Conservation, of a state-wide system of fishing and hunting grounds to be open to the public for fishing, hunting, boating, camping, hiking, motoring, picnicking and other similar park purposes. The state is authorized to contract a debt of \$20,000,000 for such purpose

and to issue serial bonds in that amount, bearing interest at not to exceed 4 per cent per annum. A tax is levied sufficient to pay the interest and principal, but moneys in the Game and Fish fund are required first to be used for such payments, and in any year in which sufficient money has been appropriated from the Game and Fish fund, the direct tax shall be omitted. The Act shall not go into effect unless at the general election in November, 1928, it shall receive a majority of the votes cast for members of the General assembly at such election.

House Bill 15. (Curran). Appropriates \$715,680 for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the office of the Attorney General until the expiration of the first fiscal quarter after the adjournment of the next regular session of the General Assembly.

House Bill 19. (Finneran). Appropriates \$30,000 to the University of Illinois for the biennium commencing July 1, 1927, for the purpose of constructing buildings and maintaining the experimental station in Cook county.

House Bill 25. (Marinier). Amends certain sections and the title of Act providing for appointment of a board of fire and police commissioners in cities having a population of not less than seven thousand, or more than two hundred thousand, so as to extend provisions of Act to incorporated towns having a like population.

House Bill 29. (Propper). Authorizes the board of education of every elementary school district teaching grades 1 to 8, inclusive, having a population of more than 1,500, but not over 100,000, and a school enrollment of more than 250, by referendum vote, to levy additional tax of two per centum on the assessed valuation of such district for educational purposes.

House Bill 54. (Johnson, E. A. W.). Authorizes the Commissioners of Lincoln Park, Cook county, to issue bonds not to exceed \$6,000,000 for park pur-

poses. No more than \$2,000,000 shall, however, be voted on at any election. Provide for payment of such bonds and for referendum thereon.

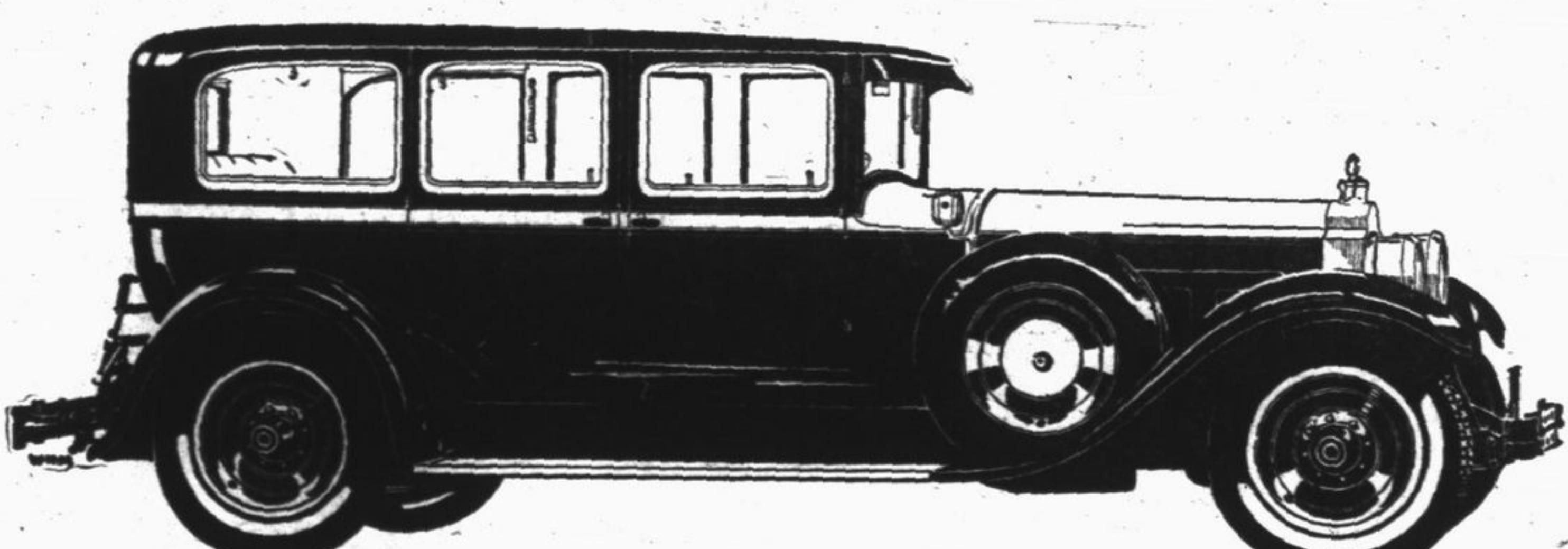
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