

1 AN ACT relating to the Department of Highways.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 176.050 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The department shall:
- 5 (a) Investigate all problems relating to the construction and maintenance of roads
6 in the state;
 - 7 (b) Examine all projects and ascertain the feasibility of all routes;
 - 8 (c) Obtain information as to the proper type of road for any project;
 - 9 (d) Examine all types of road materials which may be used in the construction or
10 maintenance of any road to be constructed by the department or under its
11 direction or supervision;
 - 12 (e) Require the design plans for all road projects constructing a new route to
13 identify, if at all feasible, one (1) or more publicly owned sites at least four (4)
14 acres in size, along the proposed new route that will be used as waste sites
15 during the construction phase of the project but that have the potential for a
16 city, county, or other governmental entity to turn the site into an industrial
17 park upon completion of the road project, regardless of whether the site
18 currently has the infrastructure necessary to support an industrial park;
 - 19 (f) Consult with all legislative bodies affected by a new road construction project
20 during the design phase for the purpose of soliciting local government
21 officials' preferences for the location of waste sites that could be turned into
22 an industrial park;
 - 23 (g) From time to time, examine and have examined and audited all of its books,
24 papers and records;
 - 25 (h) Cause to be made all necessary surveys in the establishment and construction
26 of the system of public highways; all necessary maps, prints, plans and
27 specifications of all work to be done on the roads; estimates of costs;

- 1 advertisement for bids; contracts for construction or maintenance; and all
2 necessary forms in connection therewith; and
- 3 (i) Promulgate administrative regulations under KRS Chapter 13A for the care
4 and maintenance of roads after they have been constructed.
- 5 (2) The department may:
- 6 (a) Publish bulletins containing useful information concerning the construction
7 and maintenance of roads; and
- 8 (b) Establish a process to prequalify the following for professional service
9 contracts to provide right of way services that comply with state and federal
10 laws and administrative regulations:
- 11 1. Real estate appraisers licensed under KRS Chapter 324A; and
12 2. Real estate brokers licensed under KRS Chapter 324.
- 13 (3) An invoice or bill to be paid out of the road or bridge funds shall not be approved
14 by the department for payment until it has been carefully examined by the
15 department to ascertain if the bill or invoice is in every respect a proper and
16 legitimate charge against the road or bridge funds. The commissioner may call
17 before him any person who may have information respecting any bill or invoice.