

SEC. 3. The Clerk of said committee shall keep a record of its proceedings, with the names of witnesses examined, and a substantial account of the evidence taken. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff, or any Constable or Policeman of said city and county to execute the lawful process and orders of the said committee. The said committee may visit any of the public offices when and as often as they think proper, and make their examinations and investigations therein without hindrance. In the exercise of its functions, the concurrence of two members of the committee shall be deemed sufficient.

SECS. 4 and 5. [Obsolete.]

SEC. 6. The said committee shall hereafter, as often as may be required by order of the Board of Supervisors, investigate the transactions and accounts of all officers having the collection, custody, or disbursement of public money, or having the power to approve, allow, or audit demands on the treasury, and report thereon to the Board of Supervisors, and for the purpose shall continue to have and exercise all the powers granted in this Act. But nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to relieve the Auditor, President of the Board of Supervisors, or other officers, from any of the duties and obligations now imposed on them by law.

SEC. 7. The said committee and the Clerk shall have free access to any records, books, and papers in all public offices. And said committee shall have the same power as courts of record, to administer oaths and affirmations, to examine witnesses and compel their attendance before them, by subpoena, and attachment for contempt, in case of their refusal to appear or to testify when lawfully required, and shall have the like power to punish as for contempt, any officer, ex-officer, or other person who shall refuse or neglect, when required in writing, by said committee, to exhibit any official records, books, or papers in his custody, or to explain the same, or any official transaction of his own, or of any other officer, so far as he may be able.

SEC. 8. If, from the examination made by the Finance Committee, in pursuance of the powers granted by this Act, it shall appear that a misdemeanor in office, or a defalcation has been committed by any officer of said city and county, whose accounts and transactions they are authorized to examine as aforesaid, said committee shall immediately report the same to the President of the Board of Supervisors, who shall immediately cause said report to be published, in at least two daily newspapers published in the City of San Francisco for the period of three days.

SUPPLEMENTAL XIX.—*An Act to provide for the Repair and Improvement of Roads and Highways in the City and County of San Francisco.*—Approved April 1, 1874.

SECTION 1. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is hereby authorized and empowered to repair and improve the public roads within the said city and county, outside the charter line of eighteen hundred and fifty-one.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Public Streets and Highways to carefully examine all the public roads in said city and county, and report the condition of the same, from time to time, to the Board of Supervisors: *provided*, that from the month of November to May of each year, such report shall be made on the first Monday of each month; and said report shall specify the kind of repairs and the portion or portions of the road or roads in which they are required, together with an estimate of the cost.

SEC. 3. Upon presentation to the Board of Supervisors of the report and estimate of the said Superintendent of Public Streets and Highways, as herein provided, the said Board of Supervisors shall direct the Clerk of said Board to advertise, inviting sealed proposals for doing the work required, and shall award the contract for doing said work to the lowest responsible bidder, the proceedings in relation hereto to be the same as is provided by law for the letting of contracts for the improvement of streets and highways in said city and county: *provided*, that the amount of all appropriations authorized by this Act shall not exceed ten thousand dollars for any one fiscal year.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of this Act, public roads and highways shall include all roads that have been open to the public, and used as public highways long enough to evince their utility and necessity, but shall not include any road or highway when, in the judgment of the Board of Supervisors, the same should be kept in order by the owners of the property fronting on said road or highway.

SEC. 5. Whenever any improvement or repairs require to be made to any public road or highway, for which, in the judgment of the Board of Supervisors, the owners of the property fronting thereon should be assessed to defray the cost of the same, then and in that case the Board of Supervisors shall acquire jurisdiction, and shall have power to proceed in the same manner as is now provided by law for the improvement of streets within said city and county; and all provisions of law in relation to the improvement of streets within said city and county, and for the making and collection of the assessment for the cost of the work performed, shall apply to the collection of the sums of money so assessed as aforesaid.

SEC. 6. The Superintendent of Public Streets and Highways is hereby authorized and it is made his duty to superintend all repairs made on public roads and highways, and, when authorized by the Board of Supervisors, to purchase all necessary timber, plank, or other material

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