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An Act to legalize and make valid certain By-laws of the late Home District Council passed in reference to certain Roads in the County of Ontario. Assented to 10th June, 1857.

Whereas doubts have, arisen as to the validity of certain By-Laws passed by the late Home District Council, for the establishing and opening of certain roads in the then Home District, and numbered respectively three, four, fourteen, fifteen, seventeen, twenty, thirty, forty, forty-one, fifty-six, fifty-nine, sixty, seventy-four, seventy-seven, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, ninety-three, ninety-five, ninety-six, one hundred and six, one hundred and nine, one hundred and twelve, one hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and fifty-three, one hundred and fifty-four, one hundred and fifty-seven, one hundred and seventy-five, one hundred and seventy-nine, one hundred and ninety-four, one hundred and ninety-five, and it is expedient and necessary to legalize the same: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- I. All the said By-laws numbers three, four, fourteen, fifteen, seventeen, twenty, thirty, forty, one, fifty-six, fifty nine, sixty, seventy-four, seventy-seven, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, ninety-three, ninety-five, ninety-six, one hundred and six, one hundred and nine, one hundred and twelve, one hundred and fourteen, one hundred and forty-one, one hundred and forty-seven, one hundred and fifty-three, one hundred and fifty-four, one hundred and fifty-seven, one hundred and seventy-five, one hundred and seventy-eight, one hundred and seventy-nine, one hundred and ninety-four, one hundred and ninety-five, and each and every of them shall be and are hereby declared to be valid, notwithstanding any defect or informality in the same or in the manner of passing thereof; except always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to confirm any such By-law which may have been quashed or declared illegal by any competent. Court, or in any way to affect any proceeding which has been had or taken, or which is now pending for the purpose of testing the legality of any such By-law, or any thing therein contained or affecting the same, but that' any such case shall be determined as if lbis Act had not been passed.
- II. All roads now opened, altered or changed under, or by virtue of the said By-laws or any of them, and which have not been disputed, or against which proceedings have-not been taken or are not now taken, shall be and are hereby declared to be public highways, and where no width has been prescribed for any such road in the By-law or By-laws relating to it, the road shall be one chain wide, the line of the survey being the centre thereof; Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall prevent any municipality in the County of Ontario from paying what they may consider a just claim to any party or parties that may present claims arising-from the legalization of the said By-laws, such claims to be considered and determined within one year from the passing of this Act.
- III. This Act shall lie deemed a Public Act.