To provide for the appointment of a Federal Highway Administrator in the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, order, or regulation, the head of the Bureau of Public Roads in the Department of Commerce shall be a Federal Highway Administrator appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Administrator shall receive basic compensation at the rate prescribed by law for Assistant Secretaries of executive departments and shall perform such duties as the Secretary of Commerce may prescribe or as may be required by law.

SEC. 2. The term "Commissioner of Public Roads", as used in all laws, orders, and regulations, shall be deemed to mean "Federal Highway Administrator" on and after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 hereof, there shall be a Commissioner of Public Roads in the Bureau of Public Roads who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Federal Highway Administrator. The basic compensation of the Commissioner of Public Roads shall be $17,500 per annum.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the first sentence of section 11 (a) of the Legislative Appropriation Act, 1956 (69 Stat. 509; Public Law 242, Eighty-fourth Congress; 2 U. S. C. 60g-1), is amended by inserting immediately before the period at the end of such first sentence the following: "except that, in the case of each Member, Delegate, and Resident Commissioner the population of whose constituency is five hundred thousand or more, as currently estimated by the Bureau of the Census, such basic rate shall be increased by not to exceed $2,500 per annum".

(b) The joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution providing for pay to clerks to Members of Congress and Delegates", approved January 25, 1923, as amended (2 U. S. C. 92), is amended by inserting immediately after "to be designated by each Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner" the following: "or, in the case of each Member, Delegate, and Resident Commissioner the population of whose constituency is five hundred thousand or more, as currently estimated by the Bureau of the Census, not to exceed the foregoing number increased by one, to be designated by each such Member, Delegate, and Resident Commissioner, as the case may be".

(c) Applicable appropriations shall be available for purposes of this Act.

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