## Senator J. G. Morgan



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The McCullough-Morgan law of 1919 created the position of state highway superintendent and made the position the ex-officio secretary to the highway board.

The law also guaranteed each county in the state at least two state roads, including not less than 50 miles on which state and federal funds were to be spent.

This law increased state highway system mileage, provided for state aid up to \$1200 per mile, alloted \$25 per mile per year for dragging roads connecting county seats.

Under the Hawes Law, the Department could not initiate road work but depended on counties and road districts to match federal aid. The McCullough-Morgan Law placed more authority in the hands of the Highway Board and called for surveying two roads through each county.

This meant more work- and expansion for the Department. And it led to the establishment of what is now the district concept to provide administration on a local level.