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AN ACT

Authorizing the transfer by township poor districts to the township supervisors of certain poor funds

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 whenever any township poor district has unexpected poor
5 funds in its possession and no apparent or prospective
6 use for the same for poor purposes because of the ab-
7 sence of poor in such poor district who are public
8 charges the poor authorities of any such poor district
9 may by resolution or vote signify a desire to turn over
10 such fund or any portion of it to the township super-
11 visors of such township to be used for the improvement
12 of the roads in such township and such poor funds may
13 be so transferred and used if the assent of the electors
14 in such poor district is obtained thereto as herein pro-
15 vided

16 Section 2 The poor authorities of any such township

1 poor district shall give notice during at least thirty days
2 by weekly advertisements in at least one newspaper cir-
3 culated in the district in addition to twenty printed
4 handbills posted in public places in said township of an
5 election to be held at the place or places of holding
6 the municipal elections on a day to be by them fixed
7 Such notice shall state (a) The date of such election
8 (b) the total amount of money in such poor fund (c)
9 the amount of such poor fund proposed for transfer to
10 the township supervisors (d) that there is no apparent
11 or prospective use for the same for poor purposes be-
12 cause of the absence of poor in such poor district who
13 are public charges (e) that the transfer is recommended
14 and desired by the poor authorities of such poor dis-
15 trict

16 A certified copy of the resolution or vote hereinbefore
17 required and of the above notice with proof of publica-
18 tion shall be filed by the authorities of such township
19 poor district in the office of the clerk of the court of
20 quarter sessions

21 Section 3 The poor authorities of such poor district
22 shall in all cases fix the time of the holding of any
23 such election on the day of the municipal or general
24 election unless more than ninety days elapse between the
25 date of the resolution or vote and the day of holding
26 the municipal or general election If any day other than
27 the day of the municipal or general election day is fixed
28 the expense of holding the election shall be paid by the
29 township if such transfer is authorized otherwise it shall

1 be paid by the township poor district

2 Section 4 Such election shall be held at the place
3 time and under the same regulations as provided by law
4 for the holding of municipal elections and the question
5 to be submitted to the electors shall be in the follow-
6 ing form

7 Shall the sum of (\$.....) dollars
8 heretofore collected for the care of the poor in the
9 township of to be transferred and set
10 over by to the township supervisors of
11 to be used for the improvement of town-
12 ship roads

13 The ballot shall be prepared in the manner provided
14 by the general election law for the submission of similar
15 questions

16 Section 5 The election shall be conducted by the
17 regular election officers The election officers shall count
18 the tickets cast at such election and make a return
19 thereof to the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of
20 the county duly certified as is required by law In re-
21 ceiving and counting and in making returns of votes cast
22 the inspectors clerks and judges of election shall be
23 governed by the laws of this Commonwealth governing
24 municipal elections and the vote shall be counted by the
25 court as is now provided by laws governing municipal
26 elections All penalties of the said election laws for
27 violation thereof are hereby extended to and shall apply
28 to the voters inspectors judges and clerks voting at and

1 in attendance upon elections held under the provisions of
2 this act

3 Section 6 The clerk of the court shall make a re-
4 turn of the votes cast upon such question as filed in
5 his office to the authorities of such township poor dis-
6 trict and to the township supervisors and the same shall
7 be placed on record upon their minutes

8 Section 7 If at any such election a majority of the
9 electors shall vote in favor of transferring and setting
10 over such poor funds the township poor district to the
11 township supervisors as above provided the poor authorities
12 of such township poor district shall after complying with
13 the provisions of this act transfer and set over such
14 poor funds to such township supervisors Such transfer
15 shall relieve said poor authorites from all further liabili-
16 ties to account for said funds