
LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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AN ACT

Authorizing the Board of Game Commissioners to acquire through purchase or gift lands for game preserve purposes

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 the Board of Game Commissioners of the Commonwealth
5 be and hereby is authorized to acquire through purchase
6 or gift suitable land whereon state game preserves may
7 be located and maintained perpetually in the manner pro-
8 vided for by an act approved the fifteenth day of April
9 one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws
10 one hundred and thirty-five) entitled "An act providing
11 for the establishment regulation and maintenance by the
12 Board of Game Commissioners of State game preserves on
13 the forestry reservations and elsewhere and providing pen-
14 alties for violation of this act" The board is also au-
15 thorized to purchase land adjacent to land on which

1 game preserves are located or to be located and pur-
2 chase or erect such buildings as may be deemed neces-
3 sary properly to maintain and protect such game preserves
4 The land which may be purchased hereunder shall include
5 land from which underlying minerals are excepted or have
6 been excepted or conveyed and land subject to the right
7 to mine such minerals

8 Section 2 No land shall be purchased under the pro-
9 visions of this act unless at the direction of a majority
10 of the Board of Game Commissioners In any purchase
11 the president of the Board of Game Commissioners shall
12 represent the board

13 Section 3 The title to any such land shall be taken
14 by the Board of Game Commissioners in the name of
15 the Commonwealth and when so acquired the entire con-
16 trol of such land shall be under the direction of the
17 Board of Game Commissioners

18 Section 4 No land shall be purchased at a price
19 exceeding ten dollars per acre excepting in cases where
20 buildings or cultivated lands are included in the survey
21 or are deemed necessary to the proper maintenance of
22 the lands desired in which case the Board of Game
23 Commissioners are authorized to use their discretion re-
24 garding the price to be paid nor shall the Board of
25 Game Commissioners expend for the purchase of such
26 lands an amount in excess of fifty thousand dollars per
27 annum excepting for the first year after the passage of
28 this act during which time one hundred thousand dollars
29 if necessary may be expended The purchase price of any

1 such land shall be paid from the Resident Hunters' Li-
2 cense Fund All payments for any such land shall be
3 made by checks drawn by direct requisition on the Resi-
4 dent Hunters' License Fund and all accounts relative to the
5 purchase of any such lands shall be audited by the Au-
6 ditor General in the same manner as other accounts of
7 the Board of Game Commissioners are now audited

8 Section 5 Any land when so acquired shall be used
9 for the purpose of creating protecting and maintaining
10 perpetually a game preserve Such lands shall be exempt
11 from the payment of all taxes except such taxes as
12 apply to and are imposed upon State Forests All taxes
13 assessed against such land shall be paid by the Board
14 of Game Commissioners from the Resident Hunter's License
15 Fund