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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS,  
MARCH 18, 1919.

## AN ACT

To amend and to repeal certain sections of an act approved the twenty-seventh day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws five hundred and sixty-eight) entitled "An act providing for the incorporation regulation and government of cities of the third class regulating nomination and election of municipal officers therein and repealing consolidating and extending existing laws in relation thereto"

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 *section one of article six of an act approved the twenty-*  
5 *seventh day of June one thousand nine hundred and thir-*  
6 *teen (Pamphlet Laws five hundred and sixty-eight) entitled*  
7 *"An act providing for the incorporation regulation and gov-*  
8 *ernment of cities of the third class regulating nomination*  
9 *and election of municipal officers therein and repealing con-*  
10 *solidating and extending existing laws in relation thereto"*  
11 *which reads as follows*

1 "Section I The mayor and members of the city coun-  
2 cil in cities of the third class shall be at least twenty-  
3 five years of age and shall be elected by the electors  
4 at large. They shall have been citizens and inhabitants of  
5 the city wherein they shall be elected one year next be-  
6 fore their election and shall reside therein during their  
7 terms of service

8 In cities of the third class where the term of mayor  
9 expires on the first Monday of December in the year  
10 one thousand nine hundred and thirteen the qualified elec-  
11 tors of such city shall at the municipal election in that  
12 year elect a mayor who shall serve from said first Mon-  
13 day until the first Monday of January one thousand nine  
14 hundred and eighteen in the year one thousand nine hun-  
15 dred and seventeen and quadriennially thereafter the quali-  
16 fied electors of said city shall at the municipal election  
17 elect a mayor who shall serve for a term of four  
18 years from the first Monday of January next succeeding his  
19 election In cities of the third class where the mayor was  
20 elected at the municipal election in the year one thou-  
21 sand nine hundred and eleven the qualified electors of  
22 the city shall in the year one thousand nine hundred  
23 and fifteen and quadriennially thereafter elect a mayor  
24 who shall serve for a term of four years from the first  
25 Monday of January next succeeding his election At the  
26 first municipal election held after the passage of this act  
27 and biennially thereafter the qualified electors of each city  
28 of the third class shall elect four members of council  
29 who shall serve for a term of two years from the first

1 Monday of January next succeeding their election except in  
2 the case of members first elected under this act who  
3 shall serve from the first Monday of December next fol-  
4 lowing their election until the first Monday of January  
5 one thousand nine hundred and sixteen" be and the same  
6 is hereby amended to read as follows

7 Section 1 The mayor and members of the city coun-  
8 cil in cities of the third class shall be at least twenty-  
9 five years of age and shall be elected by the electors  
10 at large They shall have been residents and inhabitants  
11 of the city wherein they shall be elected one year next  
12 before their election and shall reside therein during their  
13 terms of service The mayor and members of council shall  
14 respectively serve for a term of four years from the  
15 first Monday of January next succeeding their respective  
16 elections and shall each be eligible to re-election The  
17 mayor and members of council in cities of the third  
18 class now in office shall serve for the terms for which  
19 they were respectively elected At the municipal election in  
20 each of the said cities immediately preceding the expira-  
21 tion of the term of the mayor thereof the qualified elec-  
22 tors of each such city shall elect a mayor to serve for  
23 a term of four years and every fourth year thereafter  
24 a mayor shall be elected in each such city to serve for  
25 a term of four years At the first municipal election held  
26 after the passage of this act the qualified electors of  
27 each city of the third class shall elect four members of  
28 city council The two nominees for such office receiving re-  
29 spectively the highest number of votes at such election

1 shall serve for four years from the first Monday of Jan-  
2 uary next succeeding their election and the two nomi-  
3 nees for council at such election receiving the next high-  
4 est number of votes shall serve for the term of two  
5 years from the first Monday of January next succeeding  
6 their election and thereafter two councilmen shall be elected  
7 at large at each biennial municipal election to serve for  
8 a term of four years from the first Monday of Janu-  
9 ary next succeeding their election

10 Section 2 That section one article eight of said act  
11 which reads as follows

12 "Section 1 Subject to the provisions of section thir-  
13 teen of article six of this act the council of each city  
14 of the third class shall on the first Monday of January  
15 after its election elect a city treasurer who shall hold  
16 his office for the term of two years from said first  
17 Monday of January and until his successor is duly elected  
18 and qualified or until the said treasurer shall have been  
19 removed from office according to law The city treasurer  
20 shall be a competent accountant and shall have been a  
21 resident of the city and an elector thereof for at least  
22 three years previous to his election He shall give law-  
23 ful bond to the city with two or more sufficient sure-  
24 ties or with a surety or other company authorized by  
25 law to act as surety to be approved by the council in  
26 such sum as it may by ordinance direct conditioned for  
27 the honest and faithful discharge of his official duties  
28 and the safe-keeping and payment over of all public  
29 moneys entrusted to his care He shall receive a fixed

1 annual salary to be provided by ordinance" be and the  
2 same is hereby amended to read as follows

3 Section 1 Subject to the provisions of section thir-  
4 teen of article six of this act there shall be elected  
5 at the municipal election in the year one thousand nine  
6 hundred and nineteen and every fourth year thereafter a  
7 city treasurer who shall hold office for a term of four  
8 years from the first Monday of January next succeeding  
9 his election and until his successor is duly elected and  
10 qualified or until the said treasurer shall have been re-  
11 moved from office according to law The city treasurer  
12 shall be a competent accountant and shall have been a  
13 resident of the city and an elector thereof for at least  
14 three years previous to his election He shall give lawful  
15 bond to the city with two or more sufficient sureties or  
16 with a surety or other company authorized by law to  
17 act as surety to be approved by the council in such  
18 sum as it may by ordinance direct conditioned for the  
19 honest and faithful discharge of his official duties and  
20 the safe keeping and payment over of all public moneys  
21 entrusted to his care He shall receive a fixed annual salary  
22 to be provided by ordinance

23 Section 3 That section one of article twelve of said  
24 act which reads as follows

25 "Section 1 Any qualified voter in any city of the  
26 third class may be nominated to any elective municipal  
27 office in said city in the following manner" be and the  
28 same is hereby amended to read as follows

1       Section 1   The mayor members of council the city  
2 controller and all other elective officers of cities of the  
3 third class shall hereafter be nominated on party tickets  
4 at party primaries in the same manner and at the  
5 same time and subject to the same laws in all respects  
6 as govern the nomination of municipal officers nominated  
7 by the electors of the several municipalities in accordance  
8 with the provisions of an act approved the twelfth day  
9 of July one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pan-  
10 phlet Laws seven hundred and nineteen) entitled "An act regu-  
11 lating certain political parties providing for and regulating  
12 the nomination of candidates of such political parties for  
13 certain public offices the election of delegates and alter-  
14 nate delegates to National party conventions and of cer-  
15 tain party officers including State committeemen a method  
16 whereby electors of such political parties may express their  
17 choice of candidates for the office of President of the  
18 United States and the payment by the several counties  
19 and their reimbursement by the State of the expenses of  
20 the same authorizing the State committee of a political  
21 party to make and to alter amend and revoke rules  
22 and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions  
23 of this act and for the punishment of certain offenses  
24 provided for herein and repealing inconsistent legislation"  
25 and the amendments and supplements thereto and such  
26 mayor members of council city controller and other  
27 officers shall be elected at municipal elections which shall  
28 be held and conducted in the same manner and subject  
29 to the same laws in all respects as govern the election

1 of municipal officers nominated on party tickets by the  
2 electors of the several municipalities All mayors members  
3 of council city controllers and other officers in office at  
4 the date of the approval of this act shall continue to  
5 hold and exercise their respective offices until the expira-  
6 tion of their respective terms

7 Section 4 That sections two three four five six seven  
8 eight nine ten eleven twelve and thirteen of article twelve  
9 of said act be and the same are hereby repealed